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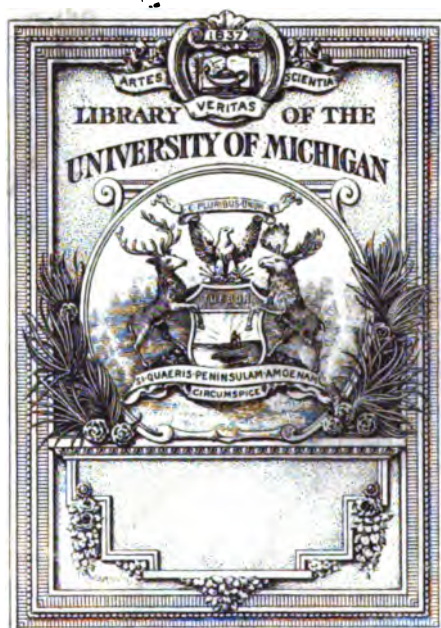
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CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 21st, 1871.

His Honor, William Gaston, Mayor of the City of Boston :

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

IN conformity with the requirements of the fourth section of an ordinance concerning the Public Library passed 21st September, 1869, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Nineteenth Annual

REPORT,

being the second made under the new ordinance, and including the results of administration for a full year, during which the Library was opened for the use of the public the unprecedented number of 307 days.

Accompanying this document are the reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent.

The members of the committee were Rev. Phillips Brooks, Calvin Ellis, M. D., the Hon. E. R. Mudge, Charles C. Perkins, Esq., Charles Levi Woodbury, Esq., to whom was added as chairman, according to the rule of the ordinance, a member of this Board, the Hon. E. W. Morton. Their independent investigation of the affairs of the institution will convey to their fellow-citizens a judgment upon its condition and administration, satisfactory to all who watch the responsibilities and employments of this great trust.

The report of the Superintendent, with its numerous appendixes, is filled with information important to those who

contribute to the support, or who are dependent upon the proper arrangements, or who wish to understand the workings of a great library. Uniting under one roof an important popular circulating library, a large reference library of which the great majority of the books are loanable, an extensive reading-room for periodicals which is widely frequented, a proper oversight of their respective uses furnishes a mass of statistics deserving of the most careful study, and valuable to all who desire to comprehend the educational tastes and necessities of a populous community, which also has access in its various classes to other collections of books, belonging to literary, scientific, benevolent, and religious organizations, numbering within the city limits nearly twice as many more volumes as are contained upon the shelves of this institution.

A brief statement of the operations conducted by the Library during the past year will naturally lead to a fuller examination of the tables upon which it is based. It will be seen that the year has been one of unusual prosperity, usefulness, and activity.

The use of books and periodicals is larger than ever before. The Library having grown by donation and purchase from 160,573 volumes and 74,770 pamphlets in 1870, to 179,250 volumes and 89,746 pamphlets in 1871, furnished to its readers 322,445 books. This total includes 26,130 volumes issued at the newly established Branch at East Boston, to which further reference will be made. In examining and analyzing these figures, it is gratifying to notice a diminishing percentage of the calls for fiction. In 1868, this class of reading attracted 60 per cent. of the readers; in 1869 and 1870, 57 per cent., in 1871 less than 52 per cent. This is mainly due, not to the smaller demand for novels, each of which in the Lower Hall Library circulated on the average fifteen times during the past year, but to the

greatly increased use of the Bates Hall collection, which is daily becoming more widely known to the students and workers of our own vicinity, as well as of the more distant portions of the country. Indeed it is apparent, that with its years, the Library has noticeably gained in two ways,—by contact with the lower as well as the higher grades of intelligence and education. Notwithstanding the relaxation of checks, the supposed losses of books during the year number only thirty-nine, or one out of every 7,531 volumes lent. The total readers of periodicals has swelled from 117,202 in 1870 to 193,417 in 1871, of whom more than a sixth were females. The whole number of cards in the hands of registered applicants for the privileges of the Library is 32,390, of which 2,240 belong to East Boston. For the details of expenditure, as required by the ordinance, and for other important tables of the Library service, it will be necessary to recur to the report of the Superintendent. It is only by a review of all the figures that one can learn how close and intricate are the relations subsisting between the Library and the public to whose daily wants it ministers.

Experience alone will show whether the Trustees have proceeded too far in their desire to give the freest access to the institution practicable in their judgment. It is their duty to use their efforts to extend the uses of the books "as widely as possible among the citizens of Boston," under the conditions of proper usage and a safe return. Last year a change was made in the regulations, whereby an applicant was required to give one reference instead of two, as was formerly the rule. So far, this alteration seems to have given entire satisfaction. No complaint has been made of any grievance under it. No great library, with a large constituency, has yet been administered under so slight a hold upon borrowers, and one has yet to see whether a rapidly increasing population will respect the confidence which has so freely placed

within its reach such inestimable privileges. It is just to say that the history of the past concessions to popular convenience has in the main been highly encouraging for the future.

By the concurrent action of the City Council, the first Branch of the Library was established during the past year at East Boston. It was opened for circulation on the 28th of January, and for seventy-eight days ending on the 29th of April, it had loaned from 5,700 volumes, 23,575 for home use, of which one only had been lost. The Branch was formally opened by an address of the President of this Board, on the 22d of March, and committed, on behalf of the Trustees, to the good offices of the residents of that important district of the city, by whom it is justly expected that a library will be built up and sustained, which will meet all the needs of a busy and intelligent population, and will become a source not only of local pride, but of daily and hourly reliance. The popular interest already excited by this first experiment, demonstrates clearly what is desirable in other quarters of the city, and will lead to specific recommendations in this respect to the City Council, before the end of the present year.

But while the Library is extending its accommodations outside of its walls to the public, it must not be forgotten that its own necessities for suitable provision for its readers, visitors, and books have become more pressing. After long consideration, and careful examination of proposed changes, the Trustees have relinquished the project of a removal of the Bates Hall Library from the present site, though it may be expedient within a few years to provide rooms elsewhere in the vicinity for the Reading Room and Popular Library, now largely overcrowded by visitors at certain hours of the day. Plans are now making, under the auspices of the Committee on Public Buildings, whereby at a moderate expense, compared with the advantages secured, adequate shelf room

and light may be obtained in the Bates Hall, and suitable working-rooms for the employes of the Library, who are now compelled to perform their work in the alcoves and galleries. Possibly, also, increased conveniences, with proper ventilation, may be obtained for the Lower Halls, but, on this point, the feasibilities are not so clear. In due time the plans and estimates, after receiving the approbation of the Committee, will be laid before the City Government.

By adequate arrangements for access to the Library, and by preparing commodious waiting-rooms for a large number of visitors, its circulation will undoubtedly be enlarged. It is not, however, probable that it will ever equal the uses of the popular branches of the larger free libraries in England. Here, private access to books is easy to rich and poor. The habit of reading pervades all classes, but the larger proportion of readers do not depend upon the Public Library for the supply of their daily wants. It is true, here as there, that about seventy-five per cent. of the popular use of books circulated consists of fiction, and that the whole circulation of books is enlarged in proportion to the extent of the supply in this department. The classification of issues in England, is not, however, made upon the precise basis which has been adopted to show the uses of this library. Polygraphy, and miscellaneous and light literature are in part euphemisms for what is called here, simply fiction, the wide-spread taste for which in all classes of the community can neither be overlooked nor despised. But in making due provision for this want on the part of the adults and youth of both sexes, it must be remembered that while books are provided to suit all tastes with no immoral tendencies, the responsibility of a proper selection of reading by the young and immature must rest with those who have the immediate charge of their moral culture and intellectual formation.

At the close of the year already so rich in donations, the Library received within its walls the Spanish and Portuguese library bequeathed to it by its late Trustee and President, Mr. George Ticknor, who by the same instrument of gift committed to the care of the city a trust fund of four thousand dollars, the interest of which is to be applied to the increase of the books. Of this invaluable collection, so well known to scholars on both sides of the Atlantic, it is perhaps enough to say that this addition to the treasures of the institution advances it to a front rank in this respect, as compared with any foreign libraries — and in connection with its stores in the French and German and Italian languages and literature, offers to the student resources hardly to be found elsewhere on this continent.

The Library is now doing its work regularly and with marked results. The system upon which it was gathered and administered, and which was first arranged experimentally, has now become established, settled, and confirmed. No force can compel people to read the books which in the judgment of others are best suited to their wants and tastes ; on these points they act for themselves. So that the provision which is made for all is only adequately used by a part. Each day changes the relation and value of the institution to some portion of the body politic, and as it grows in size, in completeness, and in convenience of access, it becomes the more useful. Based upon private benevolence, extended by popular gifts and municipal support, it has become a fact in which the whole community is interested, and upon which it will from day to day place more reliance as it finds by experience and trial that it meets the requirements of an active, industrious, inquisitive, and self-helpful population, who will look to it in the future as a storehouse of the intellectual progress of the time, presenting the science, knowledge, and imagination of the past, and to-day as a safe and reliable

threshold and stepping-stone to future intellectual and moral growth.

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ELLIS W. MORTON,
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JUNE 21st, 1871.

NOTE.—The Rev. Dr. Geo. Putnam, not signing, is absent from the country.

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REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed under an ordinance in relation to the Public Library passed September 21, 1869, to "examine the Library and make a report of its condition to the Trustees," respectfully report:—

That, sensible of the responsibility which they assumed in undertaking the duty which was asked of them, they have endeavored to inform themselves fully of the condition of the Library, of its methods of working, and of the spirit in which its methods are constantly applied. They have kept in view, as any Examining Committee must find itself constantly compelled to do, the requirements of the ordinance that "in prescribing the regulations for the care and use of the Books, the Trustees shall adopt such measures as shall extend the benefits of the institution as widely as possible among the citizens of Boston." The Library is distinctively a Public Library. It is intended for the benefit of all the people, and its character and work must always be judged with reference to this design. Its standards must be in some important respects different from those which would be applied to a library which was intended for and satisfied with the use of certain classes in the community. In each reference to the library which they make in their report this primary design will be kept in sight.

A library for the people's benefit, of course, does not mean a library of popular books alone. The people must

be benefited both directly and indirectly; directly by the provision of such books as the mass of the people will themselves appreciate and read, and indirectly by the provision for those who as students of any special branch of literature or science are likely to render service to the public with such books as their special studies demand. The two kinds of provision have a common end. Both are for the ultimate advantage of the whole community.

Careful attention to the valuable report of the Superintendent and its accompanying documents will show, we think, a constant growth of interest in the Library, which proves how largely both of these purposes have been attained. The increase for the year was an addition of 18,099 volumes. The entire number of volumes belonging to the Library at present is 180,352. It has also 90,162 pamphlets. The number of persons who are registered as using the Library is 32,370, and the average number still registering daily is fifteen. Besides these many others are in the habit of constant or occasional use of the Reading-rooms, and of the liberty which is offered for consulting books at the Library.

When we come to examine the character of the books which have been added, and those which are most constantly in use, we find on the whole such results as might be expected in a People's Library judiciously and wisely managed. Large additions have been made of books which only scholars can require, and the Library is steadily approaching that far-off completeness at which it must be always aiming, in which every student shall be sure of finding upon its shelves all that he needs for the perfect mastery of his subject. The valuable gift of Mr. Ticknor's library, which has made a large part of the increase of the year, has been of this sort. It has at once richly furnished the Library in one department — that of Spanish Literature — in which it has heretofore been meagrely furnished, and has rendered it valuable to one class

of special students who have made but little use of it before. Such gifts have been numerous, when we consider the youth of the Library. There is every reason to hope that there will be many more such in the future ; and, with the annual appropriation which can be made for the purchase of books of a similar character, it will become more and more a scholar's Library. He little understands what the people need, who fancies that in stocking a Library richly for the scholar, he is not enriching the people too.

As to the more immediately popular features of the Library, this committee, like all its predecessors, has no doubt grown a little sober over the large provision which it has been found necessary to make of the lightest literature for the lightest tastes. But we have watched the carefulness with which everything positively bad has been excluded, we have considered the gain that is made to many an untrained mind by reading not very valuable novels instead of reading nothing at all, and we have appreciated the tendency which the new habit of reading must possess to lead on to a better and better class of books. This last, the self-educating power of the taste for reading, is very hard to estimate, and very easy to exaggerate ; but the committee cannot help speaking with interest and hopefulness of the effort which has been made by the Superintendent to assist it by the preparation of a catalogue of works of imagination, illustrative of historical eras and personages, which, if it is used, must do much to regulate many loose habits of reading, and induce the kind of interest which will lead to deeper and more solid research. They are glad to hear that it is much asked for. They feel that it indicates a direction of usefulness which may be followed out, with discretion, to excellent results. On the whole, therefore, the committee see nothing to regret, except on the most general grounds of human nature, in the large prominence of feeble works of fiction in the circulation. One other branch of the

Library's usefulness, — the supply to persons engaged in mechanical occupations of books which will help them to a fuller and more artistic and scientific mastery of their professions, — we cannot but regard with an unmixed satisfaction, greater perhaps than belongs to any of its other departments.

The system of purchase of books has one feature which is too little known, but which is so directly in the line of its popular intention that it demands our mention. Any book not in the Library is freely purchased at the request of an applicant, unless there is some special reason why it is undesirable, and the applicant is notified as soon as it reaches the Library. This generous regulation ought certainly to do much to keep the Library in sympathy with the people. They may not only use the books, they may select them. It is not an impracticable attempt to force people to read what a group of theorists have fancied that they ought to read, but merely an effort to gather for the people what they cannot gather for themselves in any other way. It seems to be a perpetual safeguard against any obsolete and narrow ideas getting possession. Any very large library must contain a good deal of rubbish. The danger is lest the rubbish should come to look most valuable, as if it were not a necessary encumbrance, but the very purpose for which the library exists. It is easy for the spider to think and boast that his cobweb holds the house together. The titles of books asked for, and the names of the applicants under this rule, show that scholars of art, science, and literature, and especially public instructors, are constantly looking to the Library for help, and at the same time doing much themselves to keep it fresh and alive.

There have been many improvements in the method of administering the details of the circulation of books, all of which seem to the Committee to be wisely adapted to the increase of the efficiency and popular usefulness of the Library. Only one reference is now required of an applicant instead of two, as heretofore; and the rule requiring a

reference appears to be so administered as to occasion no embarrassment. The results of the change of the rule are entirely satisfactory. The average time taken for the delivery of a book has been so reduced that very little improvement can be expected except through improvements in the building itself. The time required for the delivery of a book in the Lower Hall averages about five minutes, — in Bates Hall still less. The Committee has been greatly pleased with the whole spirit of desire to meet the needs of the public in every possible way, which pervades the whole working of the Library.

The Reading-Room has become a much more prominent feature of the Library than formerly. Periodical literature is a great favorite with our people, and it is claimed that the collection of periodicals found here is at least inferior to none.

But the most marked step which has been taken during this year has been the practical effort to test the desirableness of Branch Libraries which has been made in the establishment of the East Boston Branch. Boston is now a large city, and it is felt that those who inhabit its outlying sections have a right to consideration in the administration of an institution like this, which belongs to all. There is now a collection of six thousand volumes in East Boston, conveniently arranged for use, and a Reading-Room with twenty-eight periodicals. The books are mostly of the more popular sort that are contained in the Lower Hall of the Central Library, and those who are registered at the Branch have also free access to the higher Library of Bates Hall. The issue of books at East Boston has been as high as six hundred volumes in one day. The Committee has carefully considered the operation of this new experiment, and believes that it promises great success and usefulness. It is quite in the line of the most popular intention of the Library. The addition of the more expensive books that belong to higher scholarship may, but probably will not,

be limited by thus providing the more popular books in larger numbers; but the people have a certain right at first to what they choose to read, and all the considerations which justify the large accumulation of such books in the Lower Hall in Boylston street are applicable also in East Boston and elsewhere. The readiness to read and to be educated by reading makes the branch library desirable. There need not be eagerness, but there must be readiness. Without such readiness, the labor and expense would be wasted. It would be like trying to warm a room with the windows wide open. The Committee believe that the success of this one Branch is such as fully to justify its development, and the establishment of others on the same plan, as opportunity may offer.

The Committee refrain from speaking of the defects of the Library building only because they have been so often described and are so well known. But every year makes them more apparent. In almost every department, in Reading-Room, Delivery Hall, waiting room, passages, working-rooms and alcoves, the space is cramped and ill-arranged. Many departments are ill-ventilated and dark. Something must be done some time, and the sooner the better, to relieve the disadvantages under which the Library works.

Most of the Committee came to their work without a knowledge of the details of the management of the Library; all their investigations have impressed them with the excellence of its system, the faithfulness of its administration, and the great and growing advantages which it offers to the citizens of Boston.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees: — I have to report upon a year's work, covering some of the most noteworthy results in the history of the Library, — a yearly increase unprecedented, a circulation largely in excess of what has been accomplished in the past, and a new development of our usefulness in the beginning of a system of Branch Libraries. I shall observe in details the subdivisions of previous reports.

I. BUILDING.

Want of room in the Bates Hall has compelled a new application of a principle, originally devised to meet the requirements of this Library, and patented by Mr. H. R. Taylor, — a drawer which can be drawn out its full depth, and remain horizontal. This drawer, with the front removed, and made deep enough to admit of three and even four banks of books, one behind the other, but each a little elevated above the one in front, has enabled us to use to advantage the deep bins beneath the counters in the upper tier of alcoves, whence the newspapers have been taken to our new Newspaper Room; and it has also enabled us to provide for the increase of the Ticknor Library, in the space long reserved for that collection. Shelving of this kind has been carried up to a height that does not require steps, and of the ordinary kind (with an improvement, however, in the method of supporting, due to the ingenuity of Mr. Taylor) above

that height. This has given us seven hundred and seventy-three running feet of shelving, which at the usual average of nine volumes to the foot, will provide for 6,957 volumes, while the ordinary shelving in the same space would have accommodated only 4,608 volumes, — a gain of 2,349 volumes, or about half as many more.

These book drawers, when drawn out, show the shelf-numbers of the back tiers of books at the top of each book, and the book is easily lifted from its place. There seems little doubt that the method is one admirably fitted for the compact stowage of books, where the circulation is not of that extent maintained in libraries purely popular. The application of it to collections like our Lower Hall or our East Boston Branch, would be an experiment, while its advantages in our Bates Hall are too apparent to need a test. It yet remains to be determined, whether the compression of a much larger number of volumes within a given distance of the delivery counter will not be a gain over the impediment of pulling out the drawers, even in a popular library. Another principle of close stowage, as devised at the East Boston Branch, has proved to work with advantage, and would seem to be of value in popular libraries, where the books are not dressed in elaborate bindings, and where, being covered, the shelf-numbers of each book are written at the lower edge of its back. To this end, four or five of the lower shelves have been kept no farther apart than was necessary to receive the books, placed on their fore edges, and allow the attendants to read easily the numbers on the books, which even on the lowest shelves, can thus be done without stooping. Eleven or twelve shelves can thus be got within reach of the hand, in place of eight or nine.

II. ADMINISTRATION.

1. LIBRARY SERVICE.

The establishment of the new Branch at East Boston has called for a new department in organizing the service of the Library, the other details of which show little change during the year, as will be seen by reference to Appendix XXI.

2. EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

The Custodian of the Shelves reports, in Appendix XXII, upon the success still attending the new system of examination. The irregularities therein registered are as few as can be reasonably hoped for in the carrying out of a system necessarily various in detail, and minute in particulars, where a single clerical error may give rise to a series of mistakes. How likely errors are to occur which cause irregularities and need rectification, may be comprehended from the fact that above two millions and a half of figures were made last year, by various attendants, and often under a pressure of haste, which concerned in some way the record of the books' use.

3. REGISTRATION OF APPLICANTS.

It has been necessary to develop the system somewhat, so as to include a record, that should both be a convenient registration for the inhabitants of East Boston, and a safe one for the Library. Those who register at the Branch are reported daily to the Central Library, and if it is found they have already registered, they are precluded from a new registration, while otherwise the applications are included in the general file of all the applicants. Cards granted at either Library are good for the Lower Hall of the Central Library or the Branch, while the dates upon a card, when in use at either place, will prevent its use at the other place, so long as the date is uncanceled at the proper delivery. Cards of both

issues are equally good at the Bates Hall delivery. For easy distinction the East Boston card is a pink one, the Central Library issuing yellow ones.

At the Central Library, our roll has increased by over 7,000 names, nearly one half of whom needed some verification, as the names were not in the directory; but only about two hundred and forty were refused cards, chiefly for reasons of non-residency and insufficient age.

At the East Boston Branch, the registration began Nov. 28th, and of the 2,320 names enrolled, 1,012 needed verification, and 80 were denied cards.

About 32,000 cards are now outstanding and good, having been granted since Sept. 1867, though probably about a third of that number would represent the borrowers using the Libraries at any one time. On the 4th of March, there were 7,793 volumes from the Lower Hall in the hands of borrowers; and April 30, there were 10,783. At the same dates there were respectively in such hands, from the East Boston Branch 1,723 and 1,576 volumes. On the 4th of March, the Bates Hall had 1,298 of its books similarly appropriated. These figures would seem to indicate a large number of cards in use at once, and as many borrowers intermit in a greater or less degree their use of the collections, a much larger number must be in occasional use of their cards during the twelve month.

I refer to Appendix XII for data, not necessary to repeat here.

4. EAST BOSTON BRANCH.

It was not until the 19th of November that the necessary changes were made in the second story of the old Lyman school-house at East Boston, to fit it for shelving. Meanwhile, at the beginning of the year, such duplicates as we could spare from our Lower Hall were selected, and such as were suitable were picked out of our Duplicate Room, and in June

the collection thus formed was increased by the first purchases. The work of preparing the books for the shelves had largely been accomplished, and they had even been assigned to prospective places on the shelves, when similar work was begun in October on the books of the Sumner Library Association, which, by vote of that body, were made over to us. Everything was accordingly ready for transporting the books from the Central Library, as soon as the contractor had done the necessary shelving, and during the last week in November the work of removing the books and putting them in their assigned order on the shelves was done in about three days. Then followed the preparation of the shelf-lists, and the verification of the slip catalogue, already prepared. Meanwhile, the Reading-Room for periodicals was at once opened, and received a large use. By the middle of January the catalogue was ready for the printer, and as soon as a few pages were received in proof, the delivery of books began, on the 27th of January. On the 3d of March, the catalogue was completed in print, and waiting till the 22d, the success of the experiment being assured, a formal opening was arranged by the committee in charge; and to give sufficient accommodation, the ceremonies took place in Sumner Hall. A record of the occasion has been made with completeness and perspicuity in the address of the President of your Board, which has been printed as a city document. The workings of the Branch will be detailed under other heads of this Report, in connection with similar results from our Lower Hall experience during the year.

III. THE BOOKS.

I. EXTENT OF THE COLLECTION.

We number now not much short of 180,000 volumes, as will be seen by Appendix I. This still keeps us second in size in the country. The excess over our number which the Library

of Congress has, is about equal to the extent (27,000 vols.) of the Supreme Court Law Library, also under the control of the Librarian of Congress. The Astor Library possessed, Jan. 1, 1871, 140,538 volumes. The New York Mercantile Library had April 30th, 127,237 volumes.

Our aggregate of 179,250 volumes is divided thus:—Bates Hall, 135,786; Lower Hall, 30,574; East Boston Branch, 5,936; and Duplicate Room, 6,954.

2. INCREASE.

Our increase of over 18,000 volumes and of nearly 15,000 pamphlets is the largest by far ever reported. The figures for 1857–8 of nearly 36,000 volumes, which stand in Appendix I, represent the accumulation of two years or more besides the ordinary accessions, and it had been gathered in a house in Boylston place and elsewhere, and was in that year first placed in the present building. When we received the Parker bequest, our growth for that year, 1860–61, was under 17,000.

The Library of Congress grew last year 12,441 volumes and 8,000 pamphlets, of which over 2,700 volumes and 3,000 pamphlets, accrued under the copyright act. The librarian estimates that the reserved copyright books, now gathering from their old repositories, will add about 25,000 volumes to that Library. The growth of New York Mercantile Library was 11,416 volumes, and that of the Astor Library was less than 1,500 volumes.

The receipt of the Ticknor, Channing, and other donations, has made the gain of the Bates Hall [see Appendix V] uncommonly large.

Of the entire gain, nearly 4,200 were books *newly published*, including duplicates; and of this number probably 2,600 were books of American publication.

3. GIFTS.

We show in Appendix IX, a list of over six hundred benefactors during the year, whose gifts vary in value from a single pamphlet to the costly collection devised by the late Mr. Ticknor, and in volumes our gain in this way is above half our total gain. We have received over a hundred volumes each, from the following: W. S. Appleton, Dr. Wm. F. Channing and Mrs. Eustis, W. W. Greenough, George S. Hale, Mrs. Mary I. Mason, Samuel F. McCleary, Hon. Otis Norcross, John C. Ropes, Sumner Library Association, and George Ticknor (by bequest). The Ticknor and Channing books are sufficiently described in Bulletin No. 17. The extent of Mr. Ticknor's previous gifts to the Library was 4,427 volumes and 607 pamphlets. This included a collection of books on Molière (originally formed by the late Mr. Prescott at a time when he was intending to write a life of that dramatist), and a collection of Italian and Greek and Latin classics. These, added to the bequest, make a total of 8,201 volumes and 1,205 pamphlets. The gift of Mr. Hale included a large number of books on American history, collected by his father, the late Hon. Salma Hale, in writing a history of the United States.

Nearly 11,000 pamphlets came from benefactors.

The British Government continue to supply us with the Specifications of patents, issued by the commissioners. An eleventh set has been added to those already in this country, by a gift of the Great Seal Patent office to the St. Louis Mercantile Library.* At that time (Dec. 1870) it was officially announced that the set then included 2,680 volumes,

* The sets previously in the country are in the Patent office (Washington), the Astor Library, State Library (Albany), Franklin Institute (Philadelphia), Boston Public Library, Philadelphia Library, Chicago Library Association, Peabody Institute (Baltimore), Wisconsin Historical Society, and Cornell University.

costing the government for print and paper £2,550 a set, and that the sets increased about one hundred and forty volumes yearly (at a cost to manufacture of £130), embracing 3,500 specifications, — the whole number of specifications then amounting to 71,922. Our agent in London receives the specifications, etc., every Monday, and transmits them to us in bound volumes, seventy or eighty at a time. The folio plates are backed with cartridge paper, and the binding is done at the Library's expense.

4. SHELF DUPLICATES.

In the Lower Hall we have duplicated largely. While 1,116 new books have been placed there, in 894 additional cases duplicates were added, and of the 770 condemned books replaced, most of them were also duplicates. The large number of condemned books, however (1,233), and the number transferred to East Boston (859) and to the Bates Hall (23), has reduced the net gain of this Hall for the year to 665 volumes. [See Appendixes V and VIII.]

5. SALE DUPLICATES.

A reference to Appendix IV will show that our Duplicate Room, arranged for the reception of such books during the year, now holds near 7,000 volumes. It is the result of an actual count, and varies somewhat from the figures of a computation carried forward year after year. A good deal of laborious work has been done in the Duplicate Room during the year, almost entirely by gaslight.

6. PAMPHLETS.

Of the 14,976 pamphlets which have been added during the year, 10,805 came by gift, and 4,171 by purchase; most of the latter, however, were numbers of periodicals, which were bought to complete sets for East Boston, and for the Central Library.

7. PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

There have been 8,349 volumes purchased during the year, either with the city appropriation, or with the interest of our funds. It will be seen by Appendix XIII that one means of selection, namely, by the recommendation of frequenters of the Library, is still more largely than ever availed of. There were 1,665 such recommendations of titles made, covering probably not far from 4,000 volumes. About one-quarter of them we already possessed, and the applicants were notified; and over 1,200 were ordered, and 549 have been thus far received.

The troubles in Europe have affected our regular receipt of books from the Continent. Our Italian invoice for the year came in time, but later than usual. From Leipsic there has been the usual extent of receipts, but the monopoly of the trains by the government has caused occasional delays between Saxony and the Baltic; and for a while the fear of French cruisers interrupted the transit across the ocean. Books for us left Paris, the last day of free communication, before the city was closed about by the German forces, and since its surrender, in the continued disturbed state of affairs, the departures have been very uncertain, and, as the binderies are deserted, books must come unbound till quiet is definitely restored. M. Reinwald, the active agent for us in Paris, was early obliged to leave the city, owing to his German birth, and has not yet returned to give the needful direction to affairs. Arrangements were early made to procure all the war maps published in both of the contesting countries, and in England, and we have gathered about a hundred. The earliest that came indicated clearly the popular view of the probable field of the conflict. The maps of both French and German publishers covered the region running from the Rhine country to the interior of Germany. It was the supposition of the conqueror as well as the conquered, that such would

be the field of operations. From Leipsic we have received a good deal of the current war literature of the Germans, much of which has been issued in their favorite divisionary form.

I find in the report of Mr. Furnivall to the Chaucer Society a rather significant statement regarding the wide-spread interest felt in this country in the higher departments of pure literature, as shown by the number of subscribers which that society has in this country, compared with the patronage it gets in Great Britain. While there are twenty libraries in the United States receiving their publications, there are but eight in England, one in Ireland, and none in Scotland. It is a point of interest to notice the distribution of these subscribers among the States. Massachusetts has four, — Amherst College, Boston Athenæum, Boston Public Library, and Harvard College.

New York has five, — Astor Library, N. Y. City; Clinton Hall, N. Y. City; Cornell University; Brooklyn Mercantile Library, and Rochester University Library.

Maryland has three, — Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore Mercantile Library, and Peabody Institute, Baltimore.

Connecticut has two, — Watkinson Library, Hartford, and Yale College.

The following States, one each : — Ohio, Antioch College; Rhode Island, Brown University; California, San Francisco Mercantile Library; Michigan University; Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Library Company; and also the Library of Congress.

IV. CIRCULATION.

1. USE OF THE LIBRARY.

It will be seen by the table of Appendix X, that the number of days in the year during which the Library has been kept open is unprecedented; namely, three hundred and seven,

which is ten more than the largest return previously (1,860). The present is the first full year since the plan of examining the Library without closing was put in operation. This in part carries up the aggregate issues to 112,000 more than last year, which excluded three months of the year,— among the lightest, however. The addition of 26,130 for the issues at East Boston, during the seventy-eight days that Library has been opened, further swells the aggregate. But the daily average shows the absolute gain in the Central Library, which has risen from two hundred and seven to two hundred and twelve in the Bates Hall, and from seven hundred and three to seven hundred and forty-one in the Lower Hall. It must be remembered that our daily average this year is kept down by including the light months of May, June, and July, which were not included in last year's account. The daily average of both departments of the Central Library is nine hundred and sixty-five against nine hundred and seventeen for last year. The daily average for East Boston was not included in the figures of the tables referred to, since it covers only the heaviest months of the year. If it had been, it would have carried it up to 1,288. The grand total of 322,445 issues we may hope largely to exceed when we can have the figures of East Boston for an entire year.

On the 28th of January, we made the largest issue ever recorded, namely, 1,856 volumes — for the Central Library only.

The capacity of the Lower Hall Delivery Room, at hours when people most throng it, with the consequent vitiation of the atmosphere in it, must always be an impediment in the way of reaching such a circulation with that department as we might reasonably hope for under better circumstances. I think nothing would be so conducive to restoring the almost abandoned rights of adults in this popular department, as the withdrawing from our Lower Hall collection the

books that call to it such a great number of boys, and placing them in a distinct Juvenile Library, which, with Reading-Room attached, could be advantageously made to occupy our rear lot on Van Rensselaer place.

There is one noticeable change in the returns for the Bates Hall. Up to 1867 the Hall issues were always in excess of the home issues; for that year and the three following, the reverse was the case; but this year there is a return to the former proportion.

It will be seen by Appendix XI that July has the lightest work, and March the heaviest, and the ratio is about as 7 to 12.

2. BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS AND READING.

In referring to Appendix VII for the relative increase of the various classifications in the Bates Hall, I should say that in the 7,508 volumes which have been assigned to shelves during the year, there is not included the Ticknor Library, received too late in the year for such classification, and which will necessitate in the future a division of Class X, in which is included our previous meagre collection of Spanish and Portuguese books. It will be perceived that independently of these, the relative strength of the various departments does not materially change year from year. The department of Theology and Ecclesiastical History is and has been one of the strongest in the Library, and it were desirable in a general collection like ours to reduce its relative importance, but it has not been easy. This department of literature invariably both in this country and in Europe produces the largest number of current publications, and though we confine our choice to such only as are of prime importance, a rigid selection will yet give us many additions; and many more are recommended by users of the Library. The clergy, as a class, and those peculiarly interested in such books,

are less intermittent in their habits of reading than almost any other, and of the 1,665 titles recommended last year, 979 were in the spheres of theology and ecclesiastical history. The comparative use of the various classifications will be seen from Appendix XIV.

3. LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS AND READING.

There are the same curious and instructive inferences to be drawn from a study of the figures in Appendixes VIII and XV this year as in the past. About two-thirds of the additions to this department of the Library, and one-third of its entire extent, are in the range of prose fiction; while over three-quarters of the circulation of the same department attests a still larger relative demand, which might be made even greater were there no restraint put upon duplicating new and transiently popular novels. I have in the past discussed the question of the large amount of fiction read in popular libraries. It is an inevitable experience, and the dreams of those hopeful for a change are in vain. The multitude not only crave fiction, — something imaginative as a counterpoise to the realities, often stern, of life, — but, in consequence of there being comparatively few trained imaginations, the style of fiction that is craved is oftenest of a low order. We may perhaps find a moral in the old fable of the thirsty starling, who got at the water in the urn by dropping pebbles into it one by one. The reading of books which we may grow to despise, like the service of those valueless fragments, may imperceptibly raise the fountain of intelligence to a higher level, and this no doubt sometimes happens; but the general results in libraries will not vary, since new readers begin at the level from which the old readers advanced, and thus keep up the relative debasement. Something can be done in the way of guiding readers, and it is a part of our duty to devise means to that end. For this

reason, I have prepared a list of historical novels, poems, and plays, which, it was thought, might become the stepping-stones to the less imaginative works upon the corresponding periods of the world's history. The plan has seemed to meet with favor, and I hope for good results.

Nevertheless, the great effort is to get people to read at all. You may give the average reader "Romola," and find the book returned but half read. Give him next "The Planter's Northern Bride," or the "Deserted Wife," and you make a confirmed reader of him, and have got good material for a possible rise. Let it not be forgotten that most of the judgments upon this greed for low fiction come from those who have the ability for selection and the literary amenities about them which fit them for the comprehension of the higher grades, and they forget that the want of such ability and the absence of such amenities are fatal to the enjoyment of the reading which they affect; and without enjoyment the masses will not read, because they are by the nature of the case under the impelling power of Shakspeare's hackneyed rule, that no profit grows where pleasure is not taken. Every literary man knows, that, with his varying moods he can read a work of high culture at one time with advantage, and at another with none; and how can it be expected that those without his culture can do better than he, when his culture is centralized? I have no doubt, hard as it is for a man of trained mind to come to this belief (involving as it does an abnegation of his cherished ideas), that there is the same relative mental elevation gained in the two cases. "Romola" incites the highest intellectual condition in a manner no stronger than is done by the novels of Mrs. Southworth with the kind of mind upon which they so invariably work.

I have been struck with the reference to the books of our Library which I find in the recently published Report of the Bureau of Statistics, presented to the legislature of the Commonwealth. Two extracts will suffice:—

Visited next Mr. —, laborer ; gets two dollars per day in summer ; has a wife and two children, oldest is about fifteen years of age, youngest twelve ; latter at home (Wednesday P.M.) reading a book from Public Library ; family occupies three rooms, living room and two bedrooms, rent two dollars and a half ; dimensions of living room 10×14 , with two windows : bedrooms 8×10 , with one window, casing of windows broken, and roof so dilapidated that they are obliged to set tubs to catch water when it storms ; paper very much defaced by smoke ; an utter impossibility to have a fire in any room in this building without filling the room with smoke.

Next visited Mrs. —, a coat finisher in a shop on Milk street,— occupies one room, 12×9 , at one dollar and a half a week, — room shockingly out of repair, but kept perfectly neat and in order. She is the widow of a soldier killed in the war ; has a daughter ten years old ; will remove as soon as wages justify ; goes to shop at 7.30 A.M., returns to dinner, then to shop again, reaching home at 6 P. M. Child prepares meals for mother, attends public school, and Sunday school at Dr. Ellis's church ; she was reading (Wednesday P. M.) a book from the Public Library, with the door fastened for fear of the rough neighbors and the rougher landlord, who frightened her by threats of turning out unless the rent was paid by Saturday night.

This is an indication of the places into which our books go, and one has only to look over the slips of the applicants, where they have recorded their occupations, and to observe the throng which gathers in our Lower Hall delivery room, to find due confirmation. There can be no question if there is any mental amelioration or intellectual pastime to be enjoyed from a popular library by the lowest classes, that, if you confine your selection of fiction to Scott and Miss Edgeworth alone, as some good people would have you do, you debar the vast majority of such from becoming readers at all. If we exclude the positively vicious books, we have gone as far as we can without thwarting the desires of the great masses of readers, which are legitimate because arising from their condition and wants.

It is the experience of the book trade, I think, that a desire for reading can be engendered. One of our most intelligent booksellers says, that "every new book, — such as *Lothair* or *Put Yourself in His Place*, — which has a great circulation, cultivates the habit of reading books, and makes thousands of new book buyers." I think our experience clearly shows, — whether it is in the results of furnishing the most popular books, or in the habit of supplying particular needs, under a system of purchasing such as are particularly recommended, — that we multiply our readers by giving them what they want, and may advance their tastes in the main. If the habit of reading is fixed, the greed may extend to something in the end requiring more exercise of mental power. Horne demonstrated in regard to one of his books, that the desire for it, once created, would in the end overleap obstacles that would have been an insurmountable barrier without the desire. He sold, at a farthing a copy, three editions of a book at a loss, but they went off rapidly. A fourth edition, raised to a shilling, did not lag upon the market. A fifth, at half a crown, went at a rate to remunerate him for the aggregated editions. A parallel experience I believe possible in the reading, as well as in the buying, of books.

Some statistics which they have gathered at the Taunton Public Library during the past year are indicative of the all-engrossing interest of novels to the bulk of readers. What is their experience I presume would be ours, only in larger proportion. They had 1,766 borrowers for the year, and of these nearly one-half (837) took novels invariably. There were 252 others who took novels in all but one or two cases; leaving but 677, or not much over one reader in three who seemed to have any idea that novel reading was not the only reading. Then again the 837 pure novel readers took more than 21 volumes each during the year on an average, while those who read other books, took an average of not

much more than half as many (11); two persons took 115 books during the year, the largest issue to a single person, and they were *all* novels.

The statistics of last year's book trade in England shows that novels oftenest reached a second edition, and books of travels the least often.

The figures in Appendix XV show a slight falling off in the percentage of novel reading, which loss has constituted the gain in the classification of Poetry, Drama, and Miscellanies, the new Class List for which has been in use for the first time during the year. The results of Appendix XVI give indication of the same excess of novel reading at the East Boston Branch, the percentage for prose fiction and juvenile story books amounting to 64. That collection was opened with few duplicates, it being intended to add such as the demand required, and it is wholly to the want of them that I ascribe the less percentage of fiction, so far.

4. PERIODICAL READING ROOMS.

Seventy more periodicals are now kept in the Central Reading Room than last year, the number now being 374, which, with 77 duplicates, makes an aggregate of 451 in the boxes. The daily number of readers has advanced from 510 for last year to 596 for this, or nearly three times the number that frequented the room in 1867.

At East Boston the Reading Room was opened for two months before the delivery of books began, and it received naturally in that period a much larger use than when books could be taken. In 130 days it has had over 10,000 readers, who have read nearly 26,000 periodicals.

For both Reading Rooms the grand total of readers is 193,417; of magazines read, 269,150,—a daily average of 675 readers and 992 magazines.

I refer for further particulars to Appendix XVII.

5. LOSSES AND DELINQUENTS.

There were 293,710 volumes taken for home use during the year, and 18,700 had to be sent for by notice through the post, which means, that, in every fifteen books taken home, there will be one kept beyond the prescribed time, either from carelessness or because further use is required. Of this number thus notified, 17,856 were returned within a week, leaving 844 to be sent for by special messengers, which shows that one book in every 348, taken for home use, must be regained in this way. Of this 844, all were recovered except 39, and the grand result is, that, of every 7531 volumes that leave the Library, we lose only one. That this number is in excess of what might be the case, were we to grant the use of the Library only to such as could become pecuniarily vouched for by some tax-payer or householder, can easily be conjectured from the fact, that, at the lending Branches of the Liverpool Library for the last year, there was only one book unrecovered or not restored by an equivalent out of every 36,000 issues. The length of time that the Lower Hall books have been in use—some of them nearly twenty years—is beginning to be shown in a marked manner in the number of volumes condemned. Over 1,200 were thrown aside, being four or five times as many as during any year of late, while new books or old books with soiled covers required 51,537 paper covers during the year.

Three months' wear at East Boston required over 2,500 new covers. Further results are given in Appendix XIX.

The figures above given do not include books which may be lost and accounted for. In seventy-three cases during the year, Lower Hall borrowers reported that they had lost the books charged to them, and in twenty-four of these cases, the book had been taken by another at the delivery counter, when the name was called—an error which may often arise by mistake (as was known to be the case in three of the instances

where the book was returned), but can easily be made a method of theft, with no ready protection to the Library or the proper borrower, except his own vigilance.

V. CATALOGUES.

Of our printed Bates Hall Catalogues, the first volume, which was stereotyped, is now out of print, but we have a considerable supply of the second volume, which was not stereotyped. Owing to a variety of circumstances, no work of consequence has been done in the preparation of "copy" for the third volume, nor is it very likely to be done the coming year, with the cataloguing of the Ticknor Library now to be provided for. Meanwhile, the Card Catalogue (supplemental to volumes I and II) is growing with great rapidity, and probably now would furnish material for a much larger volume than any we have yet printed. The increased ratio of growth of the Bates Hall naturally accelerates the accumulation of cards. Beyond this, there are several hundred bound pamphlet volumes now annually put on the shelves, and when it is remembered that each of these in cataloguing requires for the main entry and cross references, on an average from ten to twenty cards, and in some cases that as many as forty or even more are necessary, it will be seen that the cards in the drawers must accumulate very rapidly, and when the labor of carrying catalogue work through the press is considered, the accretion becomes almost a portent of future unavailing efforts to keep up in print with the growth of this part of the collection. There were assigned to the Bates Hall during the year an average of twenty-four volumes a day, and, if the Ticknor books be included, the average is raised to thirty-seven; and experience has taught all librarians, that the proper cataloguing in multifarious records of that number of volumes, (a large part of them needing very careful treatment, or in foreign languages, and a considerable por-

tion being in the conglomerate condition of pamphlet volumes,) will take a strong force. It is a question of prime importance, with the future so promising for continued growth, whether some change in the method of presenting this record of our accessions to the public will not be absolutely forced upon us, and in view of such a contingency, which is made more pressing from the work of the catalogue department devoted to our Lower Hall and to the Branch, I have the whole subject under examination, to ascertain what escape is possible.

Our Lower Hall Class Lists are now all in use, but our supplies of that for "Poetry, the Drama, and Miscellanies," and that for "Foreign Languages," are only sufficient to carry us through another year. That for "Biography and Travel" is nearly out of print, and those for "History," "Arts and Sciences," and "Prose Fiction," are entirely so. We are now printing a new edition of the last named.

A catalogue for the East Boston Branch has been issued, in the same general style of the Lower Hall Class Lists.

As supplemental to these popular catalogues, an index to Historical Fiction, including novels, plays, and poems, has been issued, and it is hoped to make a second edition of it a part of a more comprehensive key to Historical and Biographical literature, arranged upon the same general plan.

During the year we have issued four Bulletins, containing seventy-five pages of closely printed main entries of titles, covering both Bates Hall, Lower Hall, and, in the last Bulletin, East Boston books; an aggregate of more than 3,000 titles. In addition to this they have contained nearly twelve pages of catalogue work on the Tosti engravings. A list of the portraits in this last collection is now in press, as an independent issue.

There has been the usual work bestowed upon the public Card Catalogues of both Halls, upon the Consolidated Inter-

leaved Bulletins, the manuscript Indicator Finding List, and upon the posting of new titles, as soon as catalogued, on the different bulletin boards.

VI. FINANCE.

In Appendix XX, will be found the usual financial statement.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Superintendent.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 17, 1871. .

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TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.
1871.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT AND INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.						YEARLY INCREASE.							
Yean.	Volumes in the Libraries.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.	Bates Hall.	Lower Hall.	East Boston Branch.	Duplicate Room.	Increase. (Net after 1861.)		Donations. (See App. IX.)		Purchases including those charged to funds.		Donors, excluding anonymous.
							Vols.	Pamphs.	Vols.	Pamphs.	Vols.	Pamphs.	
1852-53	9,688	961	...	...	...	...	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	...	76
1853-54	16,221	3,960	...	...	...	...	6,533	2,989	2,152	2,989	4,381	...	105
1854-55	22,617	6,507	...	...	...	...	6,396	2,557	2,063	2,468	3,733	89	153
1855-56	28,080	12,386	...	...	...	...	5,463	5,879	1,865	5,330	3,598	549	126
1856-57	34,896	16,053	...	...	...	...	6,316	3,667	1,686	3,646	5,130	21	132
1857-58	70,851	17,939	...	...	...	...	±35,055	1,885	30,214	1,885	5,741	...	381
1858-59	78,043	19,256	...	15,819	...	1,804	7,192	1,317	3,405	1,317	3,787	...	247
1859-60	85,032	20,707	...	17,000	...	1,804	6,989	1,452	3,744	1,452	3,245	...	207
1860-61	*97,386	27,381	...	19,161	...	3,008	\$16,948	6,674	12,299	6,656	4,649	18	242
1861-62	105,034	28,874	...	20,881	...	4,794	7,391	1,493	1,274	1,493	6,117	...	224
1862-63	110,563	31,043	...	22,525	...	5,237	5,529	2,169	829	1,958	4,700	212	194
1863-64	116,934	31,837	...	23,562	...	5,116	6,226	2,989	1,031	2,772	5,145	167	219
1864-65	123,016	32,553	...	24,800	...	4,984	6,082	1,516	804	1,026	5,178	490	328
1865-66	130,678	36,666	...	25,366	...	5,141	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,286	671	336
1866-67	136,080	44,443	...	*25,199	...	5,146	5,303	7,877	1,465	7,769	7,752	108	300
1867-68	144,092	47,254	...	26,606	...	5,805	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,513	6,896	298	342
1868-69	152,796	61,177	...	28,723	...	6,106	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,939	649
1869-70†	160,573	74,770	...	29,009	...	6,245	7,775	13,593	1,646	10,228	6,129	3,365	666
1870-71	179,250	89,746	...	30,574	...	**6,954	††18,099	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	604

*Actual count. †Nine months. ‡Of these, 24,618 were the Bates gift. §Of these, 11,721 were the Parker bequest. ||Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. **By actual count of the contents of the Duplicate Room. ††Including 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association.

NOTE.—Prior to the Report of 1861, the annual statement of the whole number of volumes was obtained by adding the accessions of the year to the previous aggregates; and, although the numbers in both Halls have been since obtained ordinarily by adding the accessions and *subtracting the losses*, there still remain several sources of unavoidable discrepancies, such as the following: Works reported at first as containing a certain number of volumes, afterwards for good reasons bound in a different number; works reported as duplicates, subsequently exchanged for works in a different number of volumes; pamphlets bound separately and counted as books; also volumes lost or worn out, but for some reason not replaced, which disappear in the aggregates, but remain as originally reported among the accessions.

The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes of course many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are thrown out and put among our pamphlets held for exchange.

APPENDIX II.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.
The General Library	87,668	93,953	101,438	107,724	115,232
Bowditch Library *	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library *	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721
“ Duplicates (not for sale) . . .	186	186	186	186	186
Prince Library	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,970†
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located at the end of the year	1,678	1,327	140	294	361‡
Ticknor Library, not yet located					3,774
	105,735	111,681	117,969	124,419	135,786
Condemned			2	0	0
Total			117,967	124,419	135,786

* See Appendix VII.

† Including 18 vols. of MSS.

‡ Of these 67 were in the hands of the binder; and others were not yet located, because of want of shelf-room in their several departments.

NOTE.—Something less than 100 volumes have probably been lost from the Bates Hall since 1861, and each year some reappear, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little; so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.
Reported the preceding year		26,199	26,606	28,723	29,909
Added during the year		2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780
Total		27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689
Books transfer'd to Bates Hall		339	93	19	23
Books transfer'd to E. Boston					859
Condemned during the year		257	259	212	1,233
Total left	*26,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574

* Actual count.

NOTE. There have been perhaps since the last actual count in 1867, about 60 or 70 volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as "unaccounted for," but may reappear.

APPENDIX IV.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are now boxed up.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.
Number at beginning of year	4,955	5,146	5,805	6,106	. . . . .
Added during the year	714	1,004	847	443	383
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	. . . . .
Disposed of	523	845	546	804	234
Total	5,146	5,305	6,106	6,245	6,954*

* This number is by an actual count of the volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes 381 volumes of British Sessional documents, ready for exchange. There have been 768 pamphlets received and 667 sent away on exchange account during the year.

NOTE.—There are also of pamphlets some thirty thousand duplicates, arranged in boxes, and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges with us.

APPENDIX V.

INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.
INCREASE OF THE BATES HALL.*					
Gain in located books (App. VI) . . .		6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508
Of these not located at last Report . . .		1,678	1,327	140	294
Added and located		4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214
Added and not located at end of year . . .		1,327	140	294	4,135*
Net increase of sale duplicates . . .		669	301	139	...
(App. IV)					
Total gain		6,605	6,589	6,589	11,349
Condemned . . . . .		...	2	...	...
Net gain		6,605	6,587	6,589	11,349
INCREASE OF THE LOWER HALL.					
Added during the year		2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780
Less transfers and condemned books . . .		596	352	231	2,115
Net gain		1,407	2,117	1,186	665
INCREASE OF EAST BOSTON BRANCH.					
Gain					5,936
Net gain					5,936
INCREASE OF DUPLICATE ROOM.					
Gain					149
INCREASE OF ENTIRE COLLECTION.					
Bates Hall gain		6,605	6,568	6,589	11,349
Lower Hall gain		1,407	2,117	1,186	665
E. B. Branch gain . . . . .		...	...	...	5,936
Duplicate Room gain . . . . .		...	...	...	149
Total gain		8,012	8,685	7,775	18,099
INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.					
English Books with British imprint . . .	635	708	625	811	899
English Books with American imprint . . .	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,206
English Books with Continental imprint . . .	104	100	80	50	48
Foreign Books	539	673	789	487	561
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	...	447	248	480
Total	2,529	2,826	3,396	3,007	4,194

* Includes Ticknor Library.

APPENDIX VI.
VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.
May	758	. .	727
June	509	. .	480
July	1,037	. .	462
August	883	847	520
September	713	833	378
October	866	697	546
November	443	763	696
December	639	632	906
January	626	834	427
February	563	638	706
March	521	882	1,001
April	417	1,176	661
Total	7,475	6,296	7,508

NOTE. — These figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1869.

APPENDIX VII.

BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

(Not including the sale or Parker duplicates, or volumes added, but not yet located.)

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.			Class No.	CLASSES.	GENERAL LIBRARY.								Total of Bates Hall.	
Parker Library.	Bowditch Library.	Prince Library.			Added 1866-67.	August 1. 1867.	Added 1867-68.	August 1, 1868.	Located 1869.	Located 1870.	May 1, 1870.	Located 1871.		May 1, 1871.
276	244	6	I.	Cyclopedias, etc.	24	1,054	86	1,140	19	22	1,177	22	1,199	1,729
596	32	3	II.	Bibliography and Literary History	170	2,585	231	2,816	326	271	3,413	278	3,691	4,322
650	16	54	III.	General History, Biography, Travel, and Geography	170	3,070	140	3,210	184	157	3,551	223	3,774	4,494
663	96	624	IV.	American History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	515	9,339	1,163	10,507	1,438	918	12,963	1,305	14,168	15,581
573	75	69	V.	English History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	493	11,049	762	11,811	739	767	13,317	1,018	14,335	15,053
413	59	7	VI.	French History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	183	5,983	335	6,318	413	207	6,938	263	7,201	7,690
291	9	2	VII.	Italian History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	87	4,679	229	4,908	189	160	5,257	238	5,495	5,797
1,263	7	8	VIII.	Germanic History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	228	3,486	159	3,645	266	222	4,133	250	4,383	5,051
1,122	6	196	IX.	Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	3,072	100	3,172	112	97	3,381	107	3,488	4,812
451	22	1	X.	Other History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Literature	214	2,707	216	2,923	189	160	3,272	262	3,534	4,003

901	906	5	XI. Periodicals and Transactions	314	10,468	341	10,799	597	446	11,751	590	13,311	13,364
3,243	144	872	XII. Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	908	7,903	806	8,657	886	617	10,010	986	10,996	15,264
1,247	5	49	XIII. Metaphysics and Social Science	195	2,820	348	3,163	429	444	4,086	378	4,414	5,715
307	3	13	XIV. Jurisprudence	145	2,014	161	2,176	111	112	2,398	114	2,512	2,935
98	65	.	XV. Political Economy	79	671	66	737	118	76	980	180	1,060	1,223
66	3	22	XVI. Medical Science	370	4,406	556	4,961	706	516	6,182	365	6,547	6,638
124	14	.	XVII. Natural History and Science	155	3,925	170	4,095	172	212	4,479	191	4,670	4,808
90	824	20	XVIII. Mathematics and Physical Sciences	312	4,566	318	4,874	394	449	5,717	486	6,202	7,186
9	4	.	XIX. Useful Arts	96	877	116	993	119	102	1,214	76	1,290	1,303
29	.	1	XX. Fine Arts	197	2,587	205	2,792	193	338	3,293	233	3,546	3,576
.	6	18	XXI. Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphlets . . . . .	.	387	.	387	15	6	408	5	413	437
11,721	2,542	1,970	Totals	5,100	87,056	6,297	98,953	7,475	6,296	107,724	7,508	115,232	131,465

EXPLANATION.—CLASS III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

CLASS IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

CLASS V, CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII.—These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

CLASS X includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

CLASS XIII includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Pneumology, etc.

CLASS XVIII includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

CLASS XXI embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves. The figures of this class under "Prince Library" denote MS. volumes.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel, and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several alcoves.

NOTE.—The above figures of the three special collections exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials, but such accessions are counted in the classes of the General Library, though the books are located with the special collection.

APPENDIX VIII. LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1871. To be deducted.							1870.		1869.		1868.		1867.	
	Total, May 1, 1871.	Condemned.	Transferred to E. B.	Transferred to B. H.	Total added 1870-1.	Condemned books repl'd	Duplicates added.	New Books added.	Total, May 1, 1870.	Total, Aug. 1, 1869.	Total, Aug. 1, 1868.	Total, Aug. 1, 1867.	Total, Aug. 1, 1867.	Total, Aug. 1, 1867.	
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc. . .	1,763	1	33	84	1	9	74	577	9,318	9,130	8,082	7,165	7,165		
Jurisprudence and Political Science	269	2	13	1	1	1	1	2,342	2,336	2,300	2,223	2,342	2,342		
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science .	1,908	2	62	76	6	13	88	1,897	2,041	1,989	1,871	1,897	1,897		
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science .	639	6	31	22	2	2	131	2,621	3,305	3,125	2,798	2,621	2,621		
American History and Politics	1,086	3	24	24	6	4	224	1,187	1,283	1,206	1,137	1,187	1,187		
Foreign History and Politics	1,383	2	65	29	1	4	231	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221		
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric	2,467	69	108	74	4	9	92	2,342	2,336	2,300	2,223	2,342	2,342		
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	10,469	1,097	221	1,999	5	16	1,871	2,621	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221		
Biography	2,298	22	86	73	15	5	1,137	1,187	1,283	1,206	1,137	1,187	1,187		
Travels	1,990	20	110	79	21	7	221	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221		
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.*	8,478	1	91	274	21	7	221	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221		
German Books	1,247	2	15	13	2	2	221	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221		
Italian Books	236	0	..	2	..	..	221	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221
French Books	1,209	6	8	9	1	1	221	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221		
Spanish Books	1	0	..	1	..	..	221	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221
Books of Reference	171	0	..	45	..	..	221	2,221	2,394	2,321	2,204	2,221	2,221
TOTALS,	30,574	1,233	859	2,780	770	894	1,116	20,909	20,909	20,723	20,606	20,109	20,109		

*This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes, as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX IX.

LIST OF DONORS, 1870-71.

Bates, Joshua, London, interest in gold on the fund of	\$50,000
Bigelow, <i>Hon.</i> John P., " " " "	1,000
Franklin Club, " " " "	1,000
Lawrence, <i>Hon.</i> Abbott, " " " "	10,000
Phillips, <i>Hon.</i> Jonathan, " " " "	30,000
Townsend, Mary P., " " " "	4,000
	<hr/> \$96,000

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1870, TO APRIL 30, 1871.

Donors (excluding anonymous),	604
Volumes,	9,750
Pamphlets,	10,805

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Abbe, Cleveland, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> ,	1	
Adams, <i>Hon.</i> Charles F., <i>Quincy</i> ,	3	
Alabama, State of,	1	
Albany, <i>N. Y.</i> , Young Men's Association,		1
Alger, <i>Rev.</i> William R.		1
Allen, Joseph H.	2	
Alton, <i>Ill.</i> , Horticultural Society, 1 newspaper,		3
American Academy of Arts and Sciences,		1
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> ,	2	1
American Association for the advancement of Science, <i>Cambridge</i> ,	1	
American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,		3
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,	2	1
American Colonization Society, <i>Washington, D. C.</i>		2
American Free Trade League, <i>New York City</i> ,		5
American Iron and Steel Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>		1
American Journal of Education, Publisher, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i>		1
American Literary Bureau, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
American Oriental Society,		1
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	2
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
American Social Science Association,		17

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
American Tract Society, of Boston,	3	
American Tract Society, New England Branch,		1
American Unitarian Association,	1	5
Ames, Hon. Ellis, Canton,		2
Amherst College, Librarian, Amherst,	1	1
Ammidown, E. H., New York City,		1
Amory, R., M. D., Brookline,		1
Andover Theological Seminary,		2
Andrews, C. Stanley, 2 newspapers,		
Anonymous, 1 newspaper, 19 numbers of periodicals, 1 map,	20	110
Appleton, Nathan,	58	6
Appleton, William S.	175	157
Ashley, J. N., New York City,	1	
Aspinwall, Col. Thomas,		2
Astor Library, New York City,		2
Atkins, Charles J. Augusta, Me.		1
Attwood, Gilbert,		1
Austin, Mrs. Ivers J., 468 numbers of periodicals,		21
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Boston Daily Evening Transcript, Publishers, 104 num- bers of periodicals,		180
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Brunswick, <i>Germany</i> . Blinden-Institut,	3	
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Swan, Clarence A.		1
Sykes, Joseph, <i>Hyde Park</i> ,		9
Talbot, I. T., <i>M. D.</i>	1	
Tappan, John,	1	
Taylor, <i>Dr. C. F.</i> , <i>New York City</i> ,		4
Thayer, Alexander,	2	
Thayer, A. W., <i>Trieste, Austria</i> ,		1
Thomas, William, <i>Kingston</i> ,	2	
Thornton, J. Wingate, 8 newspapers, 3 MSS.	4	8
Thurman, W. C.,	1	8
Ticknor, George, <i>by bequest</i> , lot of unbound MSS.	8774	598
Ticknor, <i>Miss Anna</i> ,	1	
Tingley Automatic Heat Governor Co.		1
Tobey, <i>Hon. Edward S.</i>	1	
Toledo, <i>Ohio</i> . City Clerk,		5
Toledo Blade, Editor,		8
Truebner and Co., <i>London</i> ,		14
Trumbull <i>Hon. J. H.</i> , <i>Hartford, Conn.</i>	1	
Tufts College, <i>Medford</i> ,		1
Twining, Thomas, <i>Twickenham, Eng.</i>	1	
Tyson, Henry, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i>	1	
Union College, <i>Schenectady, N. Y.</i>		1
United States Adjutant General's Office,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
United States Bureau of Refugees, etc.		2
— Bureau of Statistics,	1	3
— Department of Agriculture,	1	1
— Department of the Interior,	70	
— Department of the Navy, 105 charts,	3	
— Library of Congress,	3	1
— Military Post Library,		42
— Naval Observatory,	6	
— Office of the Chief Engineers,	2	
— Office of the General Superintendent of Education,		1
— Patent Office,		33
— Quartermaster General's Office,	1	
— Smithsonian Institution,	3	
— Surgeon General's Office,	1	
Upham, J. Baxter, M. D.	1	
Vermont, State of,	3	5
— Asylum for the Insane,		1
— Historical Society,		1
— State Prison,		1
Vienna. Blinden-Erziehungs Institution,		5
— K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt,		8
Vincent, Francis, <i>Wilmington, Del.</i>		1
Virginia and Idaho Gold Mining Company,		1
Ward, Miss H. T.	19	
Warren, William F., D. D., 4 lithographs,		
Washburn, Frank T., 11 maps, 411 numbers of periodicals,	30	200
Watertown. Free Public Library,		1
Webb, Stephen P., <i>Salem</i> ,		59
Webber, Samuel G., M. D., 20 numbers of periodicals,	2	24
Welch, Rev. E. H.		1
Wellington, A. A.	1	
Western Lunatic Asylum, <i>Staunton, Va.</i>		2
Western Reserve College, <i>Hudson, Ohio</i> ,	1	40
Westford, Town Clerk,		4
Wheeler, William A., 1 broadside,	51	52
Wheelwright, William, <i>London, England</i> ,	1	
Whelldon, William W., <i>Charlestown</i> , 85 newspapers, 1 broadside, 3 notices,	1	15
Whipple, Charles K., 1 engraved portrait,		42
Whipple, Edwin P.	1	
White, E. E., <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		1
White, James C., M. D.		22
Whiting, J. S., M. D., <i>Charlestown</i> ,	1	
Whitmore, William H.	1	
Whitney, Rev. Frederic A., <i>Brighton</i> ,	1	59
Whitney, James L., 55 numbers of periodicals, 1 broadside,	16	210
Whitney, Prof. William D., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i>		3
Wilder, Edward L.	5	
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P.		8
Wilkins, F. A.	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Willcox, E. S., <i>Peoria, Ill.</i>		2
Williams, A., and Co.		8
Williams, Henry J., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>	2	
Williams, Major J. Otis, <i>Winchester,</i>	2	29
Williams, Hon. Sidney, <i>Providence, R. I.</i>	1	115
Williams College, <i>Williamstown,</i>		1
Wilson Hon. Henry, <i>Natick,</i>	17	1
Wilson, Hinkle and Co., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio,</i>	40	1
Winchell, Rev. Rensselaer,	5	37
Wines, Rev. E. C., <i>New York,</i>	3	
Winsor, Justin, 42 numbers of periodicals,	36	188
Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., 12 engraved portraits,	3	13
Wisconsin Institute for the Deaf and Dumb,		1
——— State Historical Society,		1
——— State Hospital,	1	14
——— Superintendent of Public Instruction,	5	
Wise, Prof. J., <i>Laurel, Pa.</i>	1	
Woodward, A., <i>M.D.</i>	2	
Woodward, G. E., <i>New York City,</i> 5 numbers of periodicals,		
Woodward, James T.		8
Worcester, Free Library,	1	1
——— Lyceum and Natural History Association,		1
——— Young Men's Christian Association,		1
Worthington and Flanders,	1	
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.,</i>	1	1
Young, Hon. Brigham, <i>Salt Lake City, Utah,</i>	15	17
Young, E., <i>Washington, D. C.</i>	1	

APPENDIX X.

CIRCULATION.

(Books issued. No account is made of the great use of books within the library rails.)

Year.	TOTAL CIRCULATION.			DATES HALL.			LOWER HALL.					EAST BOSTON BRANCH.				
	No. of days open.	Issues.	Daily Average.	Largest No. in one day.	Date of last column.	Home issues.	Hall issues.	Total issues.	Daily av'ge.	Large't daily use.	In Hall issues.	In Home issues.	Large't daily use.	Daily av'ge.	Home use.	Total use.
* 1854	142	35,389	250	535	Sep. 10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1855	286	81,281	284	606	Feb. 10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1856	284	82,661	291	647	Feb. 23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1857	288	89,423	310	730	Jan. 24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
† 1858	197	75,570	383	693	Feb. 27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1859	254	149,468	588	1,335	Mar. 6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1860	297	151,020	508	1,052	Feb. 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1861	274	160,877	587	1,303	Feb. 23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1862	288	180,302	626	1,517	Mar. 1	7,400	10,263	17,663	61	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
† 1863	215	138,927	644	1,534	Feb. 7	5,222	7,124	12,346	57	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1864	280	184,935	664	1,424	Feb. 27	7,468	11,057	18,525	66	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1865	275	194,627	708	1,464	Nov. 19	10,371	13,090	23,461	85	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1866	278	193,892	732	1,589	Feb. 10	9,763	10,438	20,201	73	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1867	277	208,963	754	1,813	Feb. 23	13,696	11,553	25,249	92	157	152	.	.	.	.	.
1868	279	175,727	630	1,423	Feb. 1	17,020	16,854	33,874	121	332	250	101	141,883	508	1,050	.
§ 1869	284	218,677	770	1,498	Feb. 20	23,203	19,702	42,905	151	307	164	178	175,772	619	1,259	.
** 1870	230	210,963	917	1,768	Feb. 19	25,996	21,601	47,607	207	441	101	269	161,601	703	1,385	1,725
1871	307	† 322,445	† 965	† 1,856	Jan. 28	31,080	34,225	65,205	212	467	242	342	227,579	741	† 413	3,631
																23,130

* Six months. † Removal of the library. ‡ Ten months. § Eleven months (library not closed for examination). || New restrictions put upon costly books. ** Nine months. †† Central library only. ‡‡ If the issues at East Boston be excluded, this footing would be 296,315; and if hall issues be excluded, there will be record of 293,710 volumes used at home. §§ Open 78 days.

NOTE.—The figures of the circulation of the Lower Hall for 1867 are considered to be several thousands too large, which consequently affects the figures of the total circulation for that year. See *Library Report for 1868*.

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APPENDIX XI.

LOWER HALL.

Books returned for each month. (Books issued appear in Appendix X.)

MONTHS.	1867-8. 11 mos.				1868-70. (9 months.)				1870-1.			
	Home use.	Hall use, white slip.	Total on white slip.	Total on wh. slips.	Home use.	Hall use, white slip.	Refer-ence use.	Total use.	Home use.	Hall use, (white.)	Hall use, (green.)	Total.
May	13,683	685	14,368	14,368	11,208	510	391	12,109	17,256	787	234	18,227
June	12,112	408	12,520	12,520	12,166	530	93	12,779	14,691	702	208	15,601
July	12,482	623	13,104	13,104	11,208	510	391	12,109	13,529	499	150	14,178
August	11,518	423	11,941	11,941	11,208	510	391	12,109	13,483	580	815	14,338
September	10,075	316	10,391	10,391	12,166	530	93	12,779	14,221	534	308	15,063
October	12,606	408	13,014	13,014	14,581	571	76	15,178	18,196	645	281	19,121
November	13,473	930	14,403	14,403	16,269	713	147	17,119	19,018	611	310	19,939
December	15,442	1,129	16,571	16,571	17,791	657	273	18,721	20,683	782	430	21,895
January	17,958	1,286	19,244	19,244	19,936	829	189	20,954	22,178	873	410	23,461
February	18,381	1,260	19,641	19,641	20,009	827	241	21,077	21,116	958	534	22,508
March	17,647	1,147	18,794	18,794	21,673	983	142	22,798	23,108	803	342	24,253
April	19,100	869	19,969	19,969	19,857	725	233	20,815	19,208	707	209	20,124
May	15,837	589	16,426	16,426	15,342	634	1,735	16,503	16,426	8,381	3,431	22,238
Total	164,038	9,393	173,431	173,431	153,423	6,346	1,735	161,503	216,796	8,381	3,431	223,708

NOTE. — White slips are used for drawing books for home use, or hall use, one at a time. When books are drawn for reference, green slips are used, and several volumes may be in use in the hall by one person at the same time by means of these slips.

APPENDIX XII.

REGISTRATION.

YEARS.	Applicants.		Applications sent to Police.		Cards refused.		Cards not called for during the year.		Applications cancelled.		Cards in use.	
	Cent. L.	E. B. Br.	Cent. L.	E. B. Br.	Cent. L.	E. B. Br.	Cent. L.	E. B. Br.	Cent. L.	E. B. Br.	Cent. L.	E. B. Br.
1864-68. (1st Registration)	17,068	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	[Deducting cards refused and applications cancelled.]	
1869-67. (2d Registration)	62,839	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1868. (3d, begun Sept., 1867)	12,067	...	2,810	...	233	...	862	...	...	...
1869	6,400	...	3,462	...	202	...	589	...	...	...
1870 (nine months)	6,577	...	1,904	...	179	...	404	...	...	...
1871	7,096	2,320	3,040	1,012	241	80	393	117	1,215	0	30,150	2,240
Totals	32,220	2,320	11,210	1,012	865	80	2,238	117	1,215	0	30,150	2,240
Add for East Boston	2,320	...	1,012	...	80	...	117	...	0	...	2,240	...
Grand Total for the entire Library	34,540	...	12,223	...	935	...	2,355	...	1,215	...	32,390	...

The largest weekly number of applicants was 222, for the week, Oct. 3-8, 1870; and the smallest 48, for the week, June 13-18, (the Library was closed June 17); and the weekly average has been 117. The largest number of applicants in any one day, was 49 for Oct. 15; the smallest, 2, for August 9th.

Up to October, 1870, there had been a large number of applicants from the beginning of the present registration, who had not called for their cards, and a system was then begun of notifying applicants of six months standing that their cards were held subject to their order for one month longer, and if then not called for, the application would be cancelled. Under this rule there had been sent up to April 30th, 1466 notices, and 1215 applications cancelled, leaving 251 cases which were satisfactorily adjusted. Of the 393 cards not called for this year, in 117 cases the six months had elapsed, and the applications have been cancelled. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed for any to be cancelled at East Boston.

The number of applicants, who are residents of Dorchester, since January 1st, 1870 (when they became entitled to the privileges of the Library), is 563 for last year, and 263 for this year, a total of 868.

Most of the "cards refused" are for reason of non-residency or being under age.

Since the change was made in the registration of fines, March 16, 1869, cards have been retained for non-payment of fines, until redeemed, and May 1, 1871, the Clerk had in his possession 505 such cards.

APPENDIX XIII.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED, AND USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED.				USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.	
YEARS.	Total recommended.	Already in Library.	Received since.	Persons.	Hours' use.
1854	123	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1855	221	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1856	121	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1857	18	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1858	85	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1859	178	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1860	91	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1861	115	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1862	204	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1863	135	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1864	58	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1865	58	. . .	. . .	182	243
1866	308	. . .	. . .	187	248
1867	546	95	260	197	248
1868	1,120	183	423	260	367
1869	1,178	226	535	361	589
1870 (nine months)	1,231	267	448	346	380
1871	1,665	418	549	347	301

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended" the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended," does not appear in this table. For instance, of the 1,120 — (183+423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

APPENDIX XIV.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.								
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870	1871.
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	17.5	16	18	18	20	17	17	17	17
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	2.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc. .	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
Greek, Latin and Philology . .	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1
Transactions	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9
Natural History and Science . .	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc. .	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11
Medicine	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Useful Arts, Mathematics and Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6
Miscellaneous Pamphlets bound	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3

NOTE.—In computing this percentage, the use of Books in the Bowditch, Parker and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix VII.

APPENDIX XV.

LOWER HALL READING.

ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1868.		1869.		1870. (Nine months.)		1871.	
		Loans Returned.	Per cent.	Loans Returned.	Per cent.	Loans Returned.	Per cent.	Loans Returned.	Per cent.
I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX	Sciences, Arts, Professions	10,523	7.4	11,436	6.97	7,607	4.9	12,663	5.7
II, XII	American History and Politics . .	2,583	1.8	2,682	1.93	2,071	1.4	2,270	1.
IX, XIX	Foreign History and Politics . . .	3,030	2.1	3,221	1.96	2,886	1.5	2,702	1.2
III, XIII	Collections, Periodicals, etc. . . .	5,941	4.2	2,461	1.5	2,441	1.5	5,964	2.7
IV, XIV	Prose Fiction for adults and youths	105,227	74.2	125,273	76.86	120,355	78.4	167,604	77.2
VII, XVII	Biography	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.78	4,025	2.7	5,108	2.2
V, XV	Travels, Voyages, etc.	3,289	2.3	5,863	3.26	5,154	3.4	6,062	2.8
VI, XVI	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Misc. Essays, etc.	3,602	2.6	4,550	2.77	5,747	3.8	11,530	5.2
VIII, XVIII	French, German and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	4,451	2.
X, XX, except ranges 8, 9, 10,		141,853	..	164,038	..	153,423	..	216,006	..

NOTE.— Compare Appendices I and XI, and notes to the same.

NOTE.— The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVI.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned, January 28th to April 29th.)

Range.	CLASSES.	Books returned.	Per- centage.
10.11.12.19.21	Biography	669	3
4.33	Collections, Libraries, &c.	552	2
24.26.29.30.32.34	Fiction in prose	8,593	36
27	Foreign books	27	-1
13.14.16.35	History	1,096	5
1.2	Juvenile books	6,639	28
15.20	Miscellaneous	747	3
5.6.7.17.37.39.40.41	Periodicals (bound)	1,119	5
16.22	Poetry and Drama	2,071	9
2.26.33	Sciences, Arts, Professions	883	3
8.9.23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5
	Total	23,575	

APPENDIX XVII. PERIODICAL READING ROOMS.

PERIODICALS DIVIDED BY LANGUAGES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.		
					Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	Total.
English	141	175	208	220	287	28	315
French	39	46	49	47	48	..	48
German	27	31	35	34	36	..	36
Italian	1	2	2	3	3	..	3
Total not reckoning duplicates in the same room .	208	254	294	304	374	28	402
Duplicates . . . . .	..	..	..	..	77	5	82
Grand Total . . . . .	..	..	..	..	451	33	484
BY CLASSES.							
1. Scientific and Professional .	86	98	119	128	143	4	147
2. Literary and Miscellaneous	68	96	96	96	98	15	113
3. Agricultural and Horticultural . . . . .	..	..	18	13	21	..	21
4. Religious	18	17	17	17	36	..	36
5. Illustrated and foreign newspapers	12	17	14	14	21	2	23
6. Commercial	9	9	11	11	20	1	21
7. Fashion	6	6	8	8	8	2	10
8. Illustrated comic magazines	3	3	5	5	4	..	4
9. Juveniles	3	4	8	8	11	3	14
10. Fine Arts	3	4	4	4	12	1	18
Total, excluding duplicates	208	254	294	304	374	28	402
STATISTICS OF USE.							
Number of days open	289	300	†299	†230	307	180	..
Readers of period'ls, males ||	50,846	70,452	84,329	103,609	156,717	9,377	166,094
Readers of period'ls, females ||	4,438	4,427	5,225	13,593	26,367	956	27,323
Total readers	55,284	76,862	91,674	117,202	183,084	10,333	193,417
Daily average readers	191	256	306	510	596	79	675
Magazines read, total	51,783	88,034	136,123	142,962	243,169	25,961	269,150
Magazines read, daily average	283	293	455	622	792	200	992

*Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List published during the year. †Eleven months and no vacation. ‡Nine months. §This includes for 1869, 2,120, and for 1868, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made. ||This proportion between male and female readers is not fully trustworthy. The distinction is made in the count by means of the feminine names on the slips signed by the applicants, but when the signature gives only initials, this means of distinction often fails.

NOTE. The Reading Room at East Boston was opened Nov. 23, 1870, making the report cover 130 days.

APPENDIX XVIII.

READING ROOMS.

PERIODICALS OF WHICH DUPLICATES ARE TAKEN.

TITLES.	COPIES TAKEN.		TOTAL.
	Central R. R.	E. B. R. R.	
Appleton's Journal	3	..	3
Army and Navy Journal	2	..	2
Atlantic Monthly	5	..	5
Boston Medical and Surgical Journal	2	..	2
Catholic World	2	..	2
Every Saturday	4	2	6
Galaxy	3	..	3
Godey's Lady's Book	4	..	4
Harper's Bazar	4	..	4
" Monthly	11	..	11
" Weekly	6	2	8
Lippincott's Magazine	2	..	2
Merry's Museum	4	..	4
Nation	2	..	2
North American Review	2	..	2
Old and New	2	..	2
Oliver Optic's Magazine	8	3	11
Our Young Folks	4	..	4
Overland Monthly	2	..	2
Peterson's Magazine	4	..	4
Scientific American	4	..	4
Schoolmate	7	..	7
Scribner's Monthly	3	2	5
Copies taken	90	9	99
Magazines duplicated	23	4	27
Duplicates taken	77	5	72

APPENDIX XIX.

LOSSES AND DELINQUENTS.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1967.			1968.			1969.			1970.			1971.		
		B.H.	L.H.	Total.	B.H.	L.H.	Total.	B.H.	L.H.	Total.	B.H.	L.H.	Total.	B.H.	L.H.	Total.
1	Books findable . . . . .	..	..	15,652	2,008	9,908	11,911	2,573	10,551	13,124	2,607	9,313	11,920	8,698	14,606	896 18,700
2	Books returned after notice . . . . .	..	..	14,203	1,925	8,554	11,479	2,480	10,138	12,618	2,500	8,919	11,419	8,527	13,937	892 17,856
3	Books sent for by messenger . . . . .	..	..	1,440	83	349	432	98	418	511	107	394	501	171	669	4 844
4	Books recovered by messenger . . . . .	..	..	..	81	322	403	90	401	491	101	374	475	157	645	8 808
5	Books not recovered	21	210	231	2	38	35	3	17	20	6	20	26	14	24	1 39
6	Books condemned . . . . .	..	..	420	..	257	257	2	259	261	..	212	212	..	1,283	1 1,284
7	Books covered . . . . .	..	..	..	..	35,241	35,241	..	23,826	23,826	..	34,639	34,639	..	51,537	2,647 54,184
8	Persons findable, not paying messenger . . . . .	..	..	..	..	86	86	..	76	76	7	80	87	22	173	1 196
9	Fines collected by messenger . . . . .	..	..	..	\$19 12	\$66 61	\$85 73	\$23 45	\$93 65	\$122 10	\$24 75	\$83 62	\$108 37	\$48 88	\$185 19	\$0 68 \$184 07
10	Fines uncollected by messenger . . . . .	..	..	..	\$7 06	\$42 20	\$49 26	\$7 56	\$38 21	\$40 77	\$7 88	\$38 77	\$41 65	\$19 62	\$79 12	\$0 34 \$98 74
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	\$11 96	..	..	\$10 53	..	..	\$14 45	..	\$24 76	.. \$24 76
12	Cost of mail notices, say five cents each . . . . .	..	..	..	\$110 40	\$495 15	\$595 55	\$128 65	\$527 55	\$656 20	\$180 35	\$455 65	\$596 00	\$184 90	\$730 30	\$19 80 \$835 00
13	Residences known to have been changed without notice being given . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	58	..	..	92	..	..	57	..	116	0 116

There were 2,680 volumes sent to be bound from the Lower Hall and Central Reading Room.
 * Three months wear.

APPENDIX XX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.	Expended Oct. 1, 1887, to Sept. 30, 1888.	City approp's Oct. 1, 1888, to May 1, 1889, to April 30, 1889.	Expended Oct. 1, 1888, to Aug. 31, 1889.	City approp's May 1, 1889, to April 30, 1890.	Expended Sept. 1, 1889, to April 30, 1890.	City approp's for 1890-1.	Expended 1890-1.	Year.	Paid into City Treasury from fines and sales of Catalogues.
Binding	\$4,067 29	\$3,550 00	\$5,167 70	\$5,000 00	\$3,477 00	\$4,400 00	\$5,231 38	1889	\$437 80
Books	11,476 76	6,500 00	12,002 26	6,500 00	9,436 39	7,500 00	12,109 68	1890	450 00
Catalogues (printing)	2,004 16	5,000 00	2,001 39	5,500 00	4,472 02	4,800 00	3,433 62	1891	246 34
Expense	1,348 02	1,500 00	1,578 30	1,800 00	2,551 86	1,600 00	1,678 90	1892	350 00
Fuel	193 60	1,500 00	1,132 00	1,400 00	1,287 00	1,300 00	1,083 80	1893	528 49
Furniture, (cabinets, shelving, fix- tures, etc.)	1,894 81	1,000 00	1,506 05	1,500 00	2,379 66	1,300 00	1,982 03	1894	314 60
Gas	1,644 46	2,000 00	1,779 04	2,250 00	1,463 74	1,700 00	2,041 76	1895	385 64
Periodicals*	1,665 96	. . . . .	2,561 32	. . . . .	778 01	. . . . .	1,979 63	1896	283 92
Printing (miscellaneous)	1,507 07	1,000 00	1,700 26	1,000 00	1,414 96	1,700 00	2,247 28	1897	504 18
Salaries	23,285 47	26,000 00	22,655 93	23,000 00	18,646 36	30,000 00	29,074 00	1898	607 72
Stationery	1,172 14	1,200 00	812 86	1,200 00	634 46	1,050 00	1,303 95	1899	659 85
Transportation, postage, etc.	633 14	750 00	782 79	750 00	1,339 86	700 00	947 22	1870	996 63
EAST BOSTON BRANCH.								1871	1,150 00
Books, Binding and Catalogues . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4,250 00	3,889 69		
Fixtures, misc. printing, etc. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1,700 00	2,323 41		
Salaries . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	3,000 00	1,117 35		
Totals	\$50,932 76	\$50,000 00	\$53,679 90	\$55,000 00	\$47,910 32	\$55,000 00	\$70,443 70		

*The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for Books.

NOTE. The expenditures cover the cost of books, which is chargeable to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City.

Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequent to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account.

APPENDIX XXI.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Assistant Superintendent.*

Miss Caroline F. Adams, *Accountant.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Chief.*

James L. Whitney, *First Assistant*; Max Auerbach, *Assistant*; J. Otis Williams, *Curator of Pamphlets*; William H. Foster, *Proof-Reader.*

Mrs. R. M. Eastman, Miss Harriet N. Pike, Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, Miss A. B. Loud, Miss Mary McGrath, Miss Mary A. Tyler, Miss M. E. Joslyn, *Bates Hall Assistants.*

Miss Alice M. Porée, *Lower Hall Assistant.*

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. L. T. BARTON, *Custodian.*

Appleton P. C. Griffin, Maggie McGrath, Ellen Stevenson, Ellen E. Bresnahan, *Assistants.*

BATES HALL CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH SYKES, *Keeper.*

George W. Peck, Miss L. S. Norton, Miss A. A. Nichols, *Assistants.*

Edward L. Wilder, Charles A. Guinness, John Bresnahan, *Runners.*

LOWER HALL CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD CAPEN, *Keeper.*

Miss Harriet R. Cogswell, Miss Lizzie S. Haley, Miss Lydia F. Knowles, Miss Elizabeth Ross, Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, *Assistants.*

Eliza L. Dorr, Annie M. Kennedy, Lucy A. W. Guinness, Henrietta E. Mack, Florence E. Guinness, *Runners.*

Elbridge Bradshaw, *Registration Clerk.*

Miss Matilda J. Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk.*

Miss Carrie E. Porée, }
Miss Emily McGrath, } *Reading Room Attendants.*

J. G. Cupples, *Reading Room Attendant (evenings).*

JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor.*

Thomas Collins, *Assistant.*

With extra temporary Assistants.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

FRANK P. HATHAWAY, *Foreman*.Andrew M. Blake, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, *Assistants*.

NOTE.—The binderies of Orus Clark and Jerome Seidensticker are also employed.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Miss CLARA B. POND, *Librarian*.Miss Mary R. Pray, Miss Addie G. Tracey, *Assistants*.Mary E. Cathcart, *Runner*.Wm. Gradon, *Janitor*.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. William H. Piper & Co., *Boston*.Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., and Sampson Low, Son & Marston, *Boston and London*.Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris*.Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipsic*.Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence*.

SUMMARY.

Superintendent	1
Accountant	1
Catalogue Department	13
Shelf Department	5
B. H. Circulating Department	7
L. H. Circulating Department	17
Janitorial Department	2
Binding Department	3
East Boston Branch	5
Regularly employed in the Libraries	54

APPENDIX XXII.

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

To the Superintendent :

Sir,— During the Library year ending the 30th of April, 1871, a third examination of the entire Library has been made, of which I beg leave to present the following

REPORT.

In the Bates Hall there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . . 1,929 vols.

Of these there were found

Loaned	1,151
At the Binder's	208
Otherwise accounted for	558
	— 1,917

Not at present accounted for —

Books	10
Pamphlets	2
	— 12

Two only of the missing books have been lent and marked returned within the present Library year; a third is a Bates Hall Supplement located for general circulation, though not known to have been taken out; but none of the books or pamphlets missing are recent accessions to the library.

Of the missing pamphlets, one is a sermon preached during the late civil war, and the other an odd annual report of the State reform school, each of which is liable to re-appear in some bound pamphlet volume under its special subject.

During the constant research for missing volumes, there have been discovered two pamphlets which were missing at the first examination in 1869, and twelve volumes and two pamphlets reported missing at the last examination. None of the books taken last year from the Bates Hall desk have re-appeared, but as

only three books and one pamphlet at present remain unaccounted for, it gives encouragement to think that many of the volumes at present missing will appear on the shelves at no distant period.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination 4,763 vols.

Loaned	3,927
At the Binder's	329
Otherwise accounted for	408
	— 4,734

Not at present accounted for, —

Fiction	9
Duplicates of Fiction	9
Miscellaneous	11
	— 29

These missing volumes have been sought with the same persistence as during former examinations. Four of them have been added within the past year, and cannot be traced since their location; fourteen have been lent during the year, and eleven have not been charged to borrowers, and are not recent accessions: all may be accounted for as misplaced, misnumbered, or accidentally omitted from the record of condemned books. Each year, however, reduces the number of the books actually missing, as some of them are certain to re-appear on the shelves.

Of the volumes reported missing at the last examination, three have appeared in their proper places; also, seven which were missing in 1869, eleven missing in 1868, four missing in 1867, and one in 1866.

The number of books missing from each alcove, is as follows: —

1st alcove	2 vols.	8th alcove	2 vols.
3d "	1 "	10th "	1 "
4th "	3 "	11th "	2 "
5th "	1 "	14th "	1 "
6th "	1 "	17th "	1 "
7th "	4 "	20th "	1 "
		Dup's of 4th alcove	4 "
		" 7th	5 "

I have also to report the following books which have disappeared from the Bates Hall desk, during the past Library year : —

I. 9 Vol. 1 Mass. general statutes. Sept. 5, 1870.

I. 4 Hayden, J. Book of dignities. Mar. 20, 1871.

A. 25 Moore, C. A. What to read and how to read. Mar. 20, 1871.

E. 3 Dictionary of Quotations. April 22, 1871.

Also, the following from the desk in the Periodical Reading Room : —

B. 20 Bartlett's dictionary of quotations.

N. 28 Bartlett's dictionary of Americanisms.

N. 53 Cruden's concordance.

A. 15 Dictionary of Quotations.

N. 30 Hayden's dictionary of dates, *recently added*.

C. 14 Hayden's book of dignities.

B. 21 Milton (Cleveland's).

A. 21 Moore. What to read.

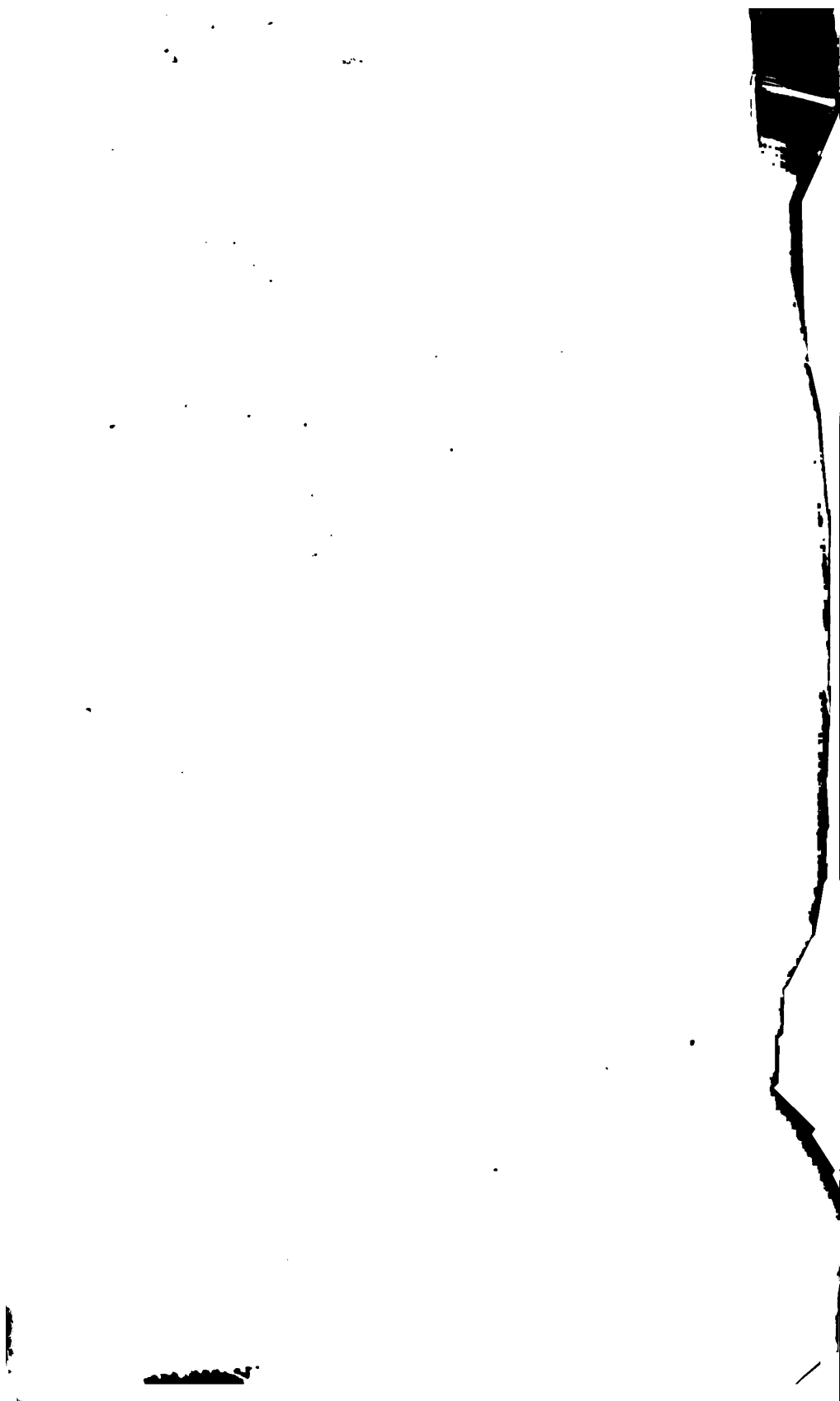
C. 13 Payne. Haydn's universal index of biography.

C. 12 Pierce. Cottage cyclopædia.

Respectfully submitted.

L. T. BARTON,
Custodian of the Shelves.

Public Library, May 16th, 1871.



From the Boston Public Library.
38,78.



TWENTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT.

1872.



City Document. — No. 72.

CITY OF BOSTON.



TWENTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 22, 1872.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Attest :

S. F. McCLEARY,

City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 12, 1872.

His Honor, William Gaston, Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twentieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.



TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In conformity with the requirements of the fourth section of an Ordinance concerning the Public Library, passed September 21, 1869, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Twentieth Annual

REPORT,

being the third made under the new ordinance, and including the results of administration for the past year, in which the Library was opened for the use of the public during three hundred and eight days, a larger number than in any preceding year.

Herewith are appended the reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent.

The members of the Examining Committee were Daniel S. Curtis, Esq., Daniel S. Gilchrist, Esq., Jas. T. Fields, Esq., Dr. C. E. Buckingham, and John C. Ropes, Esq., — Weston Lewis, Esq., of the Board, acting as chairman.

The opinions of so intelligent a committee, exercising an impartial judgment upon the subjects submitted to them, will receive the attention to which they are entitled.

But by those who would fully comprehend the Public Library, alike in its theory and practical operation, the report of the Superintendent, and the documents accompanying it, must be carefully studied. Here may be found the biography of the Library during the past year. Here is the information in detail, important to all who are interested in the results of public libraries, as a branch of social science, and especially so to those men of fortune — and we hope there are many such — who may be contemplating the foundation of similar collections in other towns.

As is well known to all who have had occasion to visit the Library during the past year, extensive alterations have been made in Bates Hall, and are still going on. By means of these we have secured additional space for over 100,000 volumes, as well as increase of light. This latter is a very important consideration, especially in a city so crowded as ours, and where real estate, within certain limits, is so valuable, and in such demand for business purposes.

The Trustees cannot but feel a little uneasy in view of the possible destination of the estates adjacent on the east and west, which are in the market for sale. Should these estates be built upon in a way that sagacious self-interest would prompt, the result would be a very serious inconvenience in the darkening of rooms already hardly light enough for the purpose for which they are used.

More room is still much needed for the accommodation of the Patent Reports, the use of which is steadily increasing.

On the 16th day of May the South Boston Branch of the Library was formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, including an address by the permanent president of the Board of Trustees, Wm. W. Greenough, Esq., now temporarily absent on a visit to Europe. The books, about 4,500 in number, are arranged in rooms hired by the city. About 1,400 volumes, forming the nucleus of the collection, were furnished by the Mattapan Literary Association.

An agreement made with the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum in Roxbury will give the city a good building, now going up, and two or three thousand dollars a year for books, in addition to the ordinary appropriation by the city. The Roxbury Branch will be opened next winter.

The East Boston Branch is in successful operation. The present number of volumes is 6,767, and the circulation during the year has been about 75,000, showing that each volume would have been taken out more than ten times, were the circulation uniform, which of course is not the case in any circulating library.

The whole collection of books in the Central Library and the several Branches is now about 195,000 volumes. Of these about 14,000 were added during the past year, nearly 4,400 being gifts.

The daily average issue of books was 1,234.

The noise and confusion attending the work going on in the Central Library since last September have lessened the use of Bates Hall, and from the same causes, as well as from the diminished light occasioned by the scaffolding, the usefulness of the Reading room, during the same period, has been interfered with. The use of the Lower Hall has not suffered from these causes, but has rather increased during the past year. But the work still to be done in that department during the summer will probably lessen its usefulness somewhat, though much less than would be the case were the work done during the shortest days of winter.

Only one book in every 9,400 delivered for home use is not finally returned to the Library; a fact honorable to the community among whom the books circulate. And with hardly an exception such books as are ultimately lost are easily replaced, if need be.

The information required by the Ordinance to be given as to

the extent, circulation, and expenditures of the Library, will be found in the tables appended to the Superintendent's Report.

G. S. HILLARD,

President pro. tem.

WESTON LEWIS,
ELLIS W. MORTON,
HERMAN D. BRADT,
SAMUEL LITTLE,
GEO. PUTNAM,
SAMUEL A. GREEN,
FREDERICK PEASE.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 12, 1872.

[A.]

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

CONSISTING OF WESTON LEWIS, ESQ., CHAIRMAN, C. E. BUCKINGHAM, M.D., DANIEL S. CURTIS, ESQ., JAMES T. FIELDS, ESQ., DANIEL S. GILCHRIST, ESQ., AND JOHN C. ROPES, ESQ.

The Committee for 1872 appointed to examine the Boston Public Library have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report:—

The general condition of the buildings, of the books, and of the other contents of the Central and Branch Libraries is satisfactory, especially considering the nature and amount of use to which they are constantly subjected.

The recent alterations, and those projected for the further improvement of the Central Library Building, as far as they go, have the Committee's approval.

The system of administration in operation appears to have been elaborated with much care and patience, and no ascertained opportunity for amendment is neglected. From the data of its own experience compared with those of other libraries with which ours is in correspondence, are derived the means of gauging its performance. In this way progress is constantly made towards attaining a maximum of result at a minimum of cost and labor. The wise management of such an institution calls for a degree of intelligence and persevering industry on the part of those responsible for its working, which, we are persuaded, would surprise any casual

and superficial observer of its daily operation. This Committee has had ample opportunity, with every aid and explanation on the part of the Superintendent, to estimate the position and progress of the Library, and they are gratified to be able to say that these are highly satisfactory, and such as entitle the institution to the continued favor and support of the community.

Founded in 1852, the Boston Public Library now numbers nearly 194,000 volumes, holding the second rank among libraries in America. Many of the intelligent and liberal men who projected and advanced this noble enterprise have been denied the sight of its successful execution, but the permanent benefit conferred on a grateful posterity will ever be associated with their names and memory.

During the past year, ingenuity and expense have done something to remedy the original defects of the Library Building. We however apprehend that the time is rapidly coming when no expedients will suffice to keep the present building adequate to growing demands. Already the maximum of accommodation is reached. Light, ventilation, offices, work-rooms, all are wanting; and as books, readers and employes increase in numbers, the difficulty of expedients for their reception must also increase. In the face of such possible dead-lock as even one decade may bring, we urge the wisdom and the economy of seasonable foresight and action. We need but allude to the experience of the British Museum to justify fears of a like dilemma on a lesser scale.

As respects the circulation and use of the Library we are led to hope that among all classes may be developed an increased disposition to avail themselves of its advantages. That a library shall be useful, people must use it. Yet it is far easier to get books than readers. Many intelligent lovers of reading have yet to visit the Boston Library for the first time, and are still unaware of the value and of the *facility* of its privileges. The completeness of the collection in all

departments of Modern Literature, English and foreign, kept up by frequent importations of the newest works published abroad ; the best of about seven hundred periodicals, American and foreign, all perfectly accessible, would surprise and attract many who, never having visited the Library, have no idea of its contents. Perhaps an occasional advertisement in the public newspapers that such and such books, American, English, French, German, etc., have been received at the Library, relating to History, Science, Art, Biography or Travel, would bring readers to ask for them. Another benefit, we suggest, would be addressed to another class of readers, viz., those who ask "*what to read?*" Such advice in simple form, for distribution among schools, clerks and mechanics, would kindle or sustain many an aspiration for self-improvement, and would save those who " (in the words of Mr. Joshua Bates), "left to themselves, waste their time in railroad literature, chiefly American novels. These publications are doing immense mischief, and the rising generation will grow up destitute of positive knowledge."

We cannot compel young people to read good books, as Mr. Bates made his clerks read Law and Admiralty Reports ; and very many will read novels, or nothing. But if since Mr. Bates thus wrote, novels have gained more in numbers than in elevation of morale and style, we should be not less solicitous than he was to discourage their being read by young people. There can be little doubt but that modern sensational fiction, demanded and supplied in quantity, not only occupies the field to the exclusion of better reading. but, like other stimulants, perverts the natural taste, and destroys relish for plainer aliment. The late Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, in a letter to Rev. G. Cornish, says :—

"Childishness in boys, even of good abilities, seems to me to be a growing fault, and I do not know to what to ascribe it, except to the great number of existing books of amusement, like *Pickwick*, and *Nickleby*, *Bentley's Magazine*,

etc. These completely satisfy all the intellectual appetite of a boy, which is rarely very voracious, and leave him totally palled, not only for his regular work, which I could well excuse in comparison, but for good literature of all sorts, even for History and Poetry." *

Boys will relish such writing as Irving's "Astoria" or Parkman's "Oregon Trail," as much as fantastic extravagances in Natural History or Adventure. In this sense, we regard with approval the paper compiled by Mr. Winsor, indicating such works of fiction as are based upon History, Biography and manners; an excellent step in the right direction, which we would gladly see followed by other similarly useful and popular hints for readers who ask, *what to read?*

What the Library does daily for the people is visible enough; but in connection with our system of education it has some less conspicuous uses, which, in a degree equal to their high importance, should influence the selection of books for purchase. We have schools, colleges, and institutes whose scope of instruction is necessarily limited by the period of time which our youth can afford to give to the numerous and varied branches of human knowledge. They enter upon active life with acquirements more general than exact, but also with capacity for development, desire for improvement, and habits of familiarity with books which should impel them towards that self-acquired education which justly ranks above all other. To such young men the Public Library should offer the means of pursuing advanced and extended courses of study on any topic or in any direction, even to carry out Mr. J. S. Mill's idea of a good education, which consists in "knowing all about one thing, and something about everything." We would desire that the whole structure of human knowledge, from foundation to summit, should be represented

* Life of Dr. Arnold by Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, p. 341.

upon the shelves of the Public Library of the capital of New England, and that however rapid the "advancement of learning," this institution be maintained at a standard of completeness indispensable to its credit and utility. In this new and busy country, where a class of professed scholars does not exist, those exceptional men who are able and willing to instruct others, whether by oral lectures or by published writings, ought to find at the Public Library full materials and ample facilities for study. Not only those who wish *to learn how to learn*, but also those who seek *to learn how to teach*, should be provided for. A merely provincial Library might well enough consist of elementary and popular books where few others would be called for or read ; but it is our pride to assert that the day has long gone by when so little could satisfy either the needs of Boston, or our legitimate ambition to sustain a Library in all respects worthy of her intelligence and resources.

For the Committee,

DANIEL SARGENT CURTIS.

June 10, 1872.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees: — GENTLEMEN, — I offer herewith my fifth Annual Report.

I. THE BUILDINGS.

For many years the Annual Reports have dwelt on the insufficiency and unfitness of our Central Library Building. Its defects are radical and not to be remedied, but work has been done, and is now in progress, which will much improve it for administrative uses. The subdivision of the alcoves in the Bates Hall will increase its capacity by about 125,000 volumes, without extending the area over which the books must be sought for, — a great gain towards that rapid delivery of books which a Library should aim to establish, since nothing will more certainly build up a large circulation. This hall is unfortunately planned to produce the largest instead of the smallest average distance of books from the point of delivery, — a defect which requires some sacrifice of supposed architectural claims to avoid, and which, in consequence of the inability of architects and building committees to recognize the paramount demands of administrative uses over the meretricious attractions of vistas of books and displayed alcoves, has disfigured some of the more important and recently erected library buildings in this State and at the West. A central area, with surrounding alcoves, while admirably adapted to a Library of small use, where access to the

alcoves is free, is not at all fitted for a growing and popular collection, in which the conditions of use are entirely different. In the arrangement of the books in relation to the delivery, which has been adopted in our Branches, and with the better disposition of parts to arise from the construction of a new building for the Roxbury Branch, it is hoped that the practical advantages of an opposite plan will be satisfactorily proved. I have found in architects, when brought to an intelligent comprehension of the administrative requirements of a popular Library, an entire willingness to accept anew the first principle of all architecture, the primary adaptation of the building to its uses. A want of it, sanctioned under the mistaken plea of architectural effect, will inflict much trial of patience upon the public for all time, and necessitate with librarians a failure to do all that they would do. Books can be very compactly stowed, and a large number can be brought within a short radius. In the East Boston Library-room about 12,000 volumes can be got, all within reach of the hand, within a room seventeen feet by thirty-two, and at an average distance of twelve feet from the point of delivery. In a room at South Boston, twenty-seven feet by twenty-three, about 17,000 volumes can be stored, with an average of twelve feet, as to distance to be passed by the runner who brings the books to the desk. Librarians will know that upon about one-third of a collection — if it is constituted according to what is the experience of the most successful libraries — at least three-quarters of his circulation will fall, and in a library of 12,000 volumes, 4,000 of them can be got, within eight or ten feet of the desk, and the delay in fetching a book reduced to a minimum. The impatience of the public — not always unreasonable — and the physical endurance of the attendants should teach all who have to do with the planning of a library that these claims are incessant, while the fancied demands for architectural show rest on the most unsettled basis, if the others are ignored.

It was very fortunate that the alcoves of the Bates Hall were originally constructed of such width as admitted of the subdivision to which they have been subjected; but not so fortunate that the altitude of them was too little by a few inches to allow an intermediate iron floor to be placed in each, by which the necessity for ladders would have been avoided, — one of the most serious inconveniences which a library can have. The introduction of light, so long needed, hardly requires commendation. The alcoves nearest the front of the Hall are still not as light as they should be; and what is experienced in them now will belong to all the others on the western side, and ultimately to those on the eastern side, if the dwellings on the contiguous land give place to warehouses of the depth of the respective lots. This light above as well as in the lower parts of the building can never be made certain for the future, until the city owns these estates. The Reading-room is now rendered far less cheerful, and even less useful, than it might be from its present insufficiency of light.

The plan by which the Bates Hall is undergoing alteration was approved by the Trustees, July 12th, and their approval was transmitted to the City Council. It was hoped that during the summer the work would have far progressed; but it was not until the 13th of September that the actual work of the contractors demanded the practical closing of the western alcoves. Mistakes and delays, arising in part from the unfavorableness of the season, made the work occupy nearly six months; and it was not until March 8th that these alcoves were again thrown open to public use.

This new shelving on the western side rendered it possible to store there the surplus books, that could not be repacked in the temporarily diminished space of the alcoves on the other side of the Hall. The work of removing such books began March 27th. Those still remaining in the alcoves, though in some necessary disorder, were made accessible by

a temporary staging. More care was exercised in the construction of the temporary partition, behind which the work is going on, and the same annoyance from the penetration of lime dust has not been experienced, which rendered the work on the other side so needlessly annoying to the Library attendants and to the public, and so injurious to the books.

The projected changes in the Lower Hall have not yet been begun. The plan was approved by the trustees March 1, 1872. They afford two large rooms and six small ones, sufficiently lighted, with their floors on the level of the old gallery of that hall. In these the cabinets which were placed in the alcoves of the Bates Hall will be put, and the necessary work of the Lower Hall will be done, while the shelving which will still remain can be considered as adding very largely to the capacity of the Bates Hall. The loss of this shelving to the Lower Hall is to be made good by sub-dividing its alcoves, on the main floor, and by otherwise occupying the floor spaces for cases. The administrative gain will result from the books being thus made far more accessible than before.

These changes, which strongly indicate the abiding of the Central Library in its present site, must also lead to others at a no very distant future, such as an addition to the building in the rear, which shall contain a juvenile Library and Reading-room, with an entrance on Van Rensselaer place, whereby the main entrance and the front hall, may be at certain hours relieved from the crowds of youths of both sexes, which curtail the privileges of adults very materially. Additional accommodations for the bindery, for the newspaper room, for the working rooms, for official apartments, and for special collections ought also to be found in this prospective addition, which, extending laterally, can have windows overlooking a green towards the Common, if the adjacent estates are joined to the Library lot.

II. ADMINISTRATION.

1. LIBRARY SERVICE.

The present divisions of the service, with the addition of the South Boston Department, are given in Appendix XXI, where the figures are fully explained.

2. EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

The alterations in the Bâtes Hall have rendered it impossible to conduct the examination of that department with the usual detail. Only the alcoves that have now been completed have been examined, and with what result the report of the Custodian in Appendix XXII will show. It also embodies the first report upon the East Boston Branch. The irregularities do not seem to be in excess of what may reasonably be expected, as explained in previous reports.

3. REGISTRATION OF APPLICANTS.

The same system, as explained in the last report, in connection with the East Boston Branch, has now been applied to the South Boston Branch. I refer to Appendix XII, where the figures are fully explained.

4. SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

The rooms in the new Savings Bank Building, in Broadway, were proffered by the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council, and being approved by a Committee of the Trustees, they were hired by the City during the winter, and finished as was desired. Contracts were made for the shelving and other fixtures, and the rooms were in a state of readiness on the first of April for the contractor to put this work in place.

As soon as it became evident that a Branch was to be established in South Boston, the Mattapan Literary Association voted to make over their collection of books, which

proved a very good one for the purpose, and they were received at the Central Library, Jan. 15th, 1872. The collection numbered 1,470 volumes, a very small part of which were assigned to the Bates Hall as a fitter repository for them. The work of cataloguing the remainder began at once, and as the work proceeded, and it became evident what desirable books the collection did not contain, purchases began, under a special contract with the Library agents, Messrs. Lee and Shepard, though a small part of the purchases came through our agencies for Europe. It was possible to anticipate the appropriation, which was not to become available until May 1st, because of a special authorization from the City Council to expend not over \$5,000 on account of any subsequent appropriation. This anticipatory action has rendered it possible to open this Branch some six months earlier than was possible at East Boston in the year of that Branch's establishment.

As soon as the shelving and other furniture was in place, we had 4,350 volumes in the Art Room of the Central Library, all prepared for the shelves. They were removed to the Branch on the tenth of April; and after they had been put in the places to which each volume had already been assigned, according to prepared plans of the shelving, the work of verifying the catalogue and writing up the shelf-lists began. There was some delay in opening the Reading-room, on account of the condition of the entrance hall; but on the 22d this department was opened. As soon as a few strips of the catalogue had been received from the printer, everything was in readiness for delivering books, which began on the first of May.

5. ROXBURY BRANCH.

I refer to Appendix XXV for the agreement entered into between the City and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum of Roxbury, by which the resources of that institution

are made available towards the foundation and increase of a new Branch, in addition to the appropriations to be made for that purpose by the City Council. The terms of the contract are in some measure modified by another agreement, which forms a part of the same Appendix. In anticipation of the completion of the building, the erection of which by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum has already been begun on Bartlett street, a collection of books destined for it will be gathered the coming summer.

III. THE BOOKS.

1. EXTENT OF THE COLLECTIONS.

The several departments now hold 194,000 volumes, giving us still the second place for size among the Libraries of the country. For the divisions of the number among our various departments, I refer to Appendix I.

2. INCREASE.

We have added nearly 14,000 volumes, which is nearly double the annual increase for the nine years preceding the exceptional increase of last year. In addition to this we enumerate a growth of the pamphlet collection by nearly 11,000.

The gain in the several departments is shown in Appendix V. The gain in the popular departments, owing to the foundation of the new Branch, is about equal to the increase of the Bates Hall.

Of the entire gain 5,744 books were such as were *newly published*, of which 3,642 were of American publication, including reprints.

3. GIFTS.

It appears by Appendix IX that six hundred and ten persons, besides a few whose names are not known, have given

4,349 volumes and 5,831 pamphlets. Among the most important donations was a valuable collection of books on military science, which came from the venerable General Sylvanus Thayer to supplement the good collection which we already had, and which had been largely selected with General Thayer's advice. The largest gift was that from the Mattapan Literary Association, which formed the nucleus of the South Boston Branch.

The most noteworthy gift of the year is that of an original portrait of Franklin by Greuze, which forms a fit pendant to the one painted by Duplessis, and heretofore presented to the Library by the Hon. Edward Brooks. There is no mention, in any of Franklin's printed writings, of his sitting to Greuze; but its authenticity is not questioned, in view of the direct testimony to its history which is mentioned in Mr. Gardner Brewer's letter making gift of it, and in the interesting paper by the Hon. Charles Sumner, which is appended to the letter in Appendix XXVI. The first public mention of the existence of this portrait was made by Sir George Cornwall Lewis, in the *Edinburgh Review*, in 1854, when it was said to be in the possession of Mr. Joseph Parkes, of London, and this gentleman, in 1860, when selling it to Mr. Brewer, wrote as follows:—

"I am better content that it should be placed in Boston than in England; and as I told Sumner, it was my wish, even if a higher price in England was offered me. . . . It never was in any possession except his [the late Mr. Oswald's] grand uncle's, — an ambassador in Paris for whom it was painted, — his son or nephew, and the late Mr. Oswald, the M. P. for Glasgow. He inherited it, and was its donor to me. It never was in any sale or offered by me to any one, — only mentioned by me to Sumner as a picture I would sell for proper ownership or a U. S. Public Institution. It ought to be in your State."

Late in the year it became known that Professor Treadwell,

of Cambridge, had bequeathed to the Library a portion of his estate, to be paid over upon the death of his widow. In Appendix XXVII will be found explanatory extracts from the will and from the proceedings of the Trustees and of the City Council.

4. SHELF DUPLICATES.

We still duplicate largely in the Lower Hall. While 1091 new books have been placed there, in 894 cases duplicates were added, and of the 629 condemned books replaced, most of them were also duplicates. See Appendixes V and VIII.

5. SALE DUPLICATES.

There has been a net increase of 360 volumes in the Duplicate Room, making the total 7,314. See Appendixes IV and V.

6. PAMPHLETS.

Over 100,000 pamphlets have now been added to the Library in twenty years, and double the average number was added during the past year.

7. PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

The appropriation by the City Council and the income of our Funds have enabled us to buy 9,359 volumes during the year. A few insignificant additions have been made with the income of the Ticknor Fund, the catalogue of the Ticknor Library not being yet far enough advanced to enable us to buy a large extent, without the risk of duplicating what it has already. Among our foreign agencies, the re-establishment of our French agent in Paris is to be noted; and though we are now in regular receipt of French books, the condition of the French binderies does not yet seem to have been restored to such a state as will ensure the careful work which used to be given us.

Appendix XIII shows an increased promptness in securing books that have been ordered at the request of readers ; and that the number of books recommended is less than last year follows upon the partial disuse of the Bates Hall, during the progress of alterations. Nevertheless, nearly 1,600 titles were recommended during the year.

One of the vexations of librarians arises from the irregularities of serial issues, both of periodicals and of sets. A certain percentage of delays and failure is almost inevitable, and with a list like our own, amounting to many hundred separate subscriptions,—counting those received directly in the Bates Hall for the shelves, as well as those which have an earlier stage of use in the Reading-room, — every month necessitates more or less correspondence to ascertain the reasons for delays. With books issued in numbers, or by volumes, the difficulty is increased, as the intervals of periodicity are so irregular ; and more or less failure to get promptly or not at all the last consecutive issue is hardly to be avoided. When this annoyance is added to the other one, that books issued in this way occasion an increase of labor in preparing them for the shelves, almost in proportion to the number of parts, as each is treated separately in many respects, it is very clear that in a library, where the detail is necessarily laborious, the subscription to such books is always an irksome self-denial to the librarian. It is possible that the difficulties may be somewhat regulated by system, and to this end blanks have been of late prepared, which are sent to such periodicals as are overdue ; and the ordering clerk is instructed to report deficiencies as they come to her knowledge in adding new numbers or volumes to sets on the shelves. In order to rectify the omissions of the past, the Custodian of the shelves has carefully examined the shelf-lists of the Bates Hall, and made reports on 291 periodicals, which are not complete, — no account, however, has been taken of very broken series, which have been added by

chance donations, — and on 190 sets of books, which are more or less imperfect. Orders to supply these deficiencies will be gradually despatched during the coming year.

8. BINDERY.

The bindery of Jerome Seidensticker still does almost all the binding we have done for Lower Hall books, and for volumes of periodicals, when removed from the Reading Room. The schedules show an aggregate of 3,219 volumes for the year.

The bindery of Theodore Jackson is only used for binding newspapers.

To the bindery in the basement of the Central Library, now under the charge of Mr. Peter Low, almost all our Bates Hall books are sent, and the very miscellaneous work turned out by its force will appear from the following table : —

Bates Hall books bound and finished,	2,219
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches,	1,015
Books repaired,	396
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in	
Lower Hall and Branches,	490
Maps dissected and mounted,	47
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted,	212
Pamphlet cases,	546
Portfolios,	5
Removable covers for catalogues,	266
Maps mounted, bound and bordered,	54
Hours of miscellaneous work,	1,842

IV. CIRCULATION.

1. USE OF THE LIBRARIES.

The Libraries have been kept open one day more than ever before, or 308 days, and the daily average circulation has

been nearly a third more than last year, or 1,234. If East Boston be excluded, we have still, notwithstanding the diminished use of the Bates Hall, on account of the progress of alteration, a larger daily average than ever before, namely, 988; for the gain in the issues for the Lower Hall is 23,136, while the loss in the Bates Hall is 14,954. The figures for East Boston, giving 75,846 instead of 26,130 (as the last figures only embraced a few months), further increase the grand total of 380,348, which is nearly 60,000 in excess of last year's. The largest use of the Central Library in one day (March 16) is, notwithstanding the deficit in the Bates Hall, nearly as large as last year's, being 1,848 against 1,856. The increase of reference use over home use, which the Bates Hall showed last year, is apparent again this year. March and August still retain, respectively, the heaviest and lightest use by months, the August use being about 68 per cent. of that for March. See Appendixes X and XI.

2. BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS AND READINGS.

I need only remark of the table in Appendix VII, that a special class for the literature of Spain and Portugal appears for the first time, embracing 558 volumes belonging to the General Library, and 2,765 of the 3,907 volumes that make up the Ticknor Library, as now arranged, or a total in this class of 3,425 volumes. The table will show how the remaining 1,142 volumes of the Ticknor Library are divided among classes independent of pure literature and history.

The percentage given for the different classes of reading of the Bates Hall in Appendix XIV, shows variations from last year, easily explained by the anomalous condition in which this department has been during the year.

3. CLASSIFICATIONS AND READING OF THE POPULAR DEPARTMENTS.

The proportion going to make up the character of our Lower Hall collection remains from year to year much the

same, from its natural growth, and the due regard paid to the wants of readers and the proportionate numerical importance of different classes of publications. An examination of Appendix VIII makes this apparent.

By Appendix XV it will be seen that there is an almost unappreciable diminution in the percentage of prose fiction drawn for reading. Still, over eighty per cent. of the use of the Lower Hall may be safely set down to the use of works of the imagination, in every department of its range; and the results are not different at the East Boston Branch, as can be reckoned from Appendix XVI.

4. PERIODICAL READING-ROOMS.

The same cause which has diminished the use of the Bates Hall has in some degree affected the use of the Central Reading-room, as the apartment has been more or less darkened from the scaffolding on the exterior, and its frequenters have experienced unusual noise and dust. The daily average issue of magazines, which last year was 792, has fallen for this year to 740. The large use of the Reading-room at East Boston reported last year arose from the novelty of its first opening, and from the dependence placed upon it for reading before the books were put in circulation. The issues there for twelve months are accordingly but little in excess of those for five months last year, but these five were naturally the heaviest ones of the year. From these causes the average daily issues from both Reading-rooms has fallen from 992 to 825.

The table in Appendix XVII will also show that fifteen new magazines have been added to the Central Room, and nine to the East Boston Room, making the total of the first 389 and of the latter 37; while 80 duplicates swell the grand total of the two rooms to 506.

5. LOSSES AND DELINQUENTS.

On a circulation for home use of about 346,000 volumes, it will be again seen by Appendix XIX that the proportion of delinquents is regularly maintained from year to year. Last year one borrower in fifteen had to be notified, and the figures stand the same this year; and it is even more remarkable that one borrower in 348 both this year and last had to be sought by messenger for the recovery of the book charged to him. Last year we finally recovered all the books that were taken from the Library except one in 7,531, and this year it is one in 9,351 for the entire Library, and one in 3,860 for the Bates Hall, and one in 8,001 for the Lower Hall, while not one was lost out of the 75,000 delivered at the East Boston Branch, — a remarkable instance of the safety of circulation without guaranty.

Other particulars in the same Appendix will indicate the wear and tear of the popular departments, as for instance the condemning of 872 volumes, and the putting on of nearly 82,000 paper covers.

It will be seen that the delinquents who require mail notices make a charge upon the Library of about \$1,100 — no inconsiderable sum. Of this about \$500 is for postage, notices to Dorchester still requiring three cents. Action by Congress establishing a postal card system, with a cent for the postage, will materially reduce this cost. The card system without the reduction of postage has been introduced in the sending of these notices in this Library during the past few months, at a saving of fifty per cent. on the cost of printing, paper and envelopes, under the old system.

Under the law, approved May 16, 1867, for the protection of libraries from the mutilation of books, it was found difficult to secure a conviction. The evil being one of considerable magnitude, the Hon. Ellis W. Morton was requested by the Board to represent the interests of the Library at the

State House, and the result was the passage of an act which became a law March 26, by which "whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause" commits such an offence, is rendered liable to a fine of from five to fifty dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding six months. It is very desirable for its salutary effect that a few convictions should be got under this amended law.

V. CATALOGUES.

1. BATES HALL.

An important change has taken place in the management of our catalogue. Thirty years ago the British Museum abandoned the plan of a printed catalogue. The Bodleian has not printed any since 1859, and does not intend to do so hereafter. Dr. Pertz, the Librarian of the Royal Library of Berlin, and other of the chief bibliographical authorities of the continent, are likewise united in the view that such printing in a large and rapidly growing library is impracticable, both from the expense, and from the constant reduplication of alphabets, which will in not a long time become very burdensome to examine, with the necessity of turning to one from another. It has always been felt that our Library might in time find itself in the same circumstances with the older libraries of Europe, but when our repeated efforts during the last four or five years to begin on a new volume of the Bates Hall Catalogue have been as repeatedly thwarted by the increasing detail of this department, arising from ramifications and a rapid growth, it has become more and more apparent that the contingency was not so far removed as it had been felt to be. At the rate of growth which the Library is now maintaining, we should have found after increasing the force of this department for the purpose of adding the proof-reading of a new volume to its other work, that its completion would only have been the signal for a repetition of all the

labor, upon the material which had accumulated while the other was going through the press. This would be equivalent to adding largely to our permanent force, besides entailing a heavy cost for printing.

While the use of a catalogue in print is vastly more convenient than the best in manuscript, and while our printed volumes may be of great advantage in other libraries, and to a few students who possess them, it is very apparent from observation that the great bulk of users of the Bates Hall are in search of the newer books, which cannot be found in printed catalogues, or else they find it more convenient to consult the catalogues in the building than elsewhere. Any deprivation which would ensue from the abandonment of printing the catalogues in volumes was likely therefore to fall upon distant libraries and a very few persons, not always among those who assist in supporting the institution. There was to be other gain than economy in making the change, and that consisted largely in massing in one alphabet an index to the stores of the entire Library; and it was not felt, moreover, to be necessary to give up the advantages of print.

In some correspondence with the Librarian of the University of Leyden, it had been learned that they used a *printed card catalogue*, uniting the marked advantages of both systems. Their titles were set up in the order of accession and printed in sheets, one hundred and fifty titles at a time, on thin paper; and then being cut out and pasted in different records, they made up their catalogue of accessions; their alcove lists; the public alphabetical catalogue; the same for official use; and a systematic catalogue. It seemed that in this plan there was a solution of our difficulties. The multiplication of titles by print promised much saving of clerical labor, with fewer chances of error, and was capable of developing a great variety of use by the mere labor of assortment. It had been found at the British Museum that their augmen-

tation of copies by the carbon process, which yields only four transcripts, allowed them no chance of adding variety to their catalogues in the way of different systems, suited to varied wants in the users of the collections. Their small reserve of copies of titles for replacing those worn out prevented any more systematic use of them than a simple alphabetical catalogue, to which they might add an index in the case of important articles like Shakespeare and the Bible. In a catalogue that now numbers about 1,900 folio volumes, and is expanding so rapidly that a binding force is constantly at work interleaving and re-guarding, there is some danger that in no long time this reserve, with the constant wear, will not be enough. The dilemma we believe is recognized by the authorities of that Library; but no change is yet made in their processes.

Taking then the idea indicated by the practice at Leyden, and after some experimenting with printing directly upon cards, and in establishing the form of the title, a method has finally been worked out which seems to meet every requirement. The cataloguer, having prepared his title, indicates the cross references, and then draws his pen through them, to guard against the compositor's setting them up. A day's accumulation of such slips goes to the printer at night, and comes back in the shape of printed strips, several copies being returned, one of which is corrected and sent back. One of such strips is posted at once on a bulletin-board, showing the freshest books, and another is scanned for books known to be of interest to specialists, to whom the title thus printed is despatched. About one hundred titles are enough for a form, which is then printed on thin paper, and ordinarily about thirty copies of each sheet are printed, though more are struck off in special instances, one or two hundred being sometimes the number, when a form is made up of titles of pamphlet volumes, with contents, or other works requiring a larger number of cross-references, — the object being to

provide enough copies of such titles to supply all the entries in duplicate (the public and official catalogues being kept up independently, for convenience and as a necessary check) and to furnish a reserve for future contingencies.

To each title is appended, beside the shelf number, the accession number, the number of the sheet in which it is printed, and to some the letter B, to indicate such as are to be made to reappear in the quarterly bulletins. The sheet number is a clue at once to the pigeon-hole in which the reserve titles are kept. By referring to the cross-references on the printer's "copy" of such titles, the attendant knows just how many copies to cut out of the sheet for each title, and just what headings to give them. These are pasted on cards and rolled smooth; and the cards are then put in their proper places in both the public and official catalogues.

The reserve of copies renders it of course possible to arrange by assortment any special alphabetical or systematic catalogue, as may be required of the medical or any other department of the Library; and in the case of any special collection, like the Ticknor Library, they afford ready-made "copy" for a separate volume. Indeed, while abandoning the printing of volumes of the General Library of the Bates Hall, it is not at all improbable that the publication of special catalogues, in departments for which we may from time to time become known, will follow.

To perfect the system indicated by this description, the work is not by any means to be confined to the entry of titles of books yet to be acquired. It is hoped gradually to embody in this one alphabet, not only all previous additions to the Bates Hall, with all their cross-references; but also the titles of the Lower Hall Collection, so that it shall represent the entire Central Library. It is not likely that the Branches, except in very rare instances, will contain any books not to be found in the Boylston street Building. Work was begun in this direction with the Prince Catalogue,

the titles and cross-references from which have been put upon cards, and are already inserted; and progress is making on the printed bulletins, proceeding backwards from No. 19. It must be long before this work is entirely done, so as to include the titles of the two printed volumes.

This new system was begun on the first of October, and up to this time there have been printed 39 sheets, beside 2 extra ones, covering the titles and contents of pamphlet volumes. This gives a total of 3,840 titles, and has necessitated 10,396 entries on the cards in each catalogue, or counting the triplication of the titles in the Ticknor Library, — another set being made to constitute a special catalogue of this collection, — we have a record of nearly 21,000 cards, prepared in six months, an extent of manual labor in mounting, inscribing and assorting, that has severely taxed the faithful Curator of the Card Catalogues, and the assistants who have aided her.

2. LOWER HALL AND BRANCHES.

The system of printed lists of books for the popular departments of the Library is not affected by the new arrangements for the Bates Hall. The fifth edition of the Lower Hall Class List for Fiction and Juveniles was issued in August, and the second edition of that for the Arts, Sciences and Professions in September; and in these a new style of page, more economical as well as more handsome, was adopted. The first edition of the List for History and Politics, and that for Travel and Biography, has been for some time exhausted, beyond what is necessary for use in the building, and a great deal of labor has been expended in preparing a new Class List, which would unite the two, their subjects being too far interlinked for successful treatment independently. This catalogue, which will shortly be put to press, promises to be very large, and as inconvenience has been experienced from the absence of the place and date of

publication in connection with the titles, these particulars have been restored. A more extensive system of cross-references, and a brief indication—in case of biographies—of who the subject was, is also to be introduced. A new edition of the Index to Historical Fiction is likewise in preparation. Since January, the collection for the South Boston Branch has been catalogued, and the printing of the list is now in progress.

3. BULLETINS.

Four (Nos. 18 to 21) have been printed, covering about 4000 titles. Since the first printing, in October, of the broadsides of titles for the card catalogue we have reserved a selection of the titles contained in them as "copy" for the Bulletin; which has proved a gain in accuracy, and a saving of expense for corrections of type. Out of the 3,840 titles mentioned above, 2,152 were considered important enough for reproduction in the Bulletins, which establishes a ratio very nearly of two in every three.

During the year a list of the portraits in the Tosti Engravings has been printed; and a further instalment of the list of other prints was given in the Bulletin for April. With that for October (No. 19) the first volume of the Bulletins was brought to an end.

VI. FINANCE.

In Appendix XX will be found the usual financial statement.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN WINSOR,
Superintendent.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 9, 1872.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT AND INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.										YEARLY INCREASE.				
Years.	Volumes in the Libraries.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.	Bates Hall.	Lower Hall.	E. Boston Branch.	S. Boston Branch.	Duplicate Room.	Increase. (As after 1861.)		Donations. (See App. LK.)		Purchases including those charged to funds.		Donors, excepting those in anonymous.
								Vols.	Pamphs.	Vols.	Pamphs.	Vols.	Pamphs.		Vols.	Pamphs.
1852-53	9,688	961	...	...	...	...	...	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	...	75
1853-54	16,221	3,960	...	...	...	...	...	6,533	2,969	2,152	2,969	4,381	...	105
1854-55	22,617	6,507	...	...	...	...	...	6,386	2,667	2,663	2,663	3,733	89	153
1855-56	28,080	12,386	...	...	...	...	...	5,463	5,879	1,865	5,830	3,598	649	126
1856-57	34,806	15,068	...	...	...	...	...	6,316	3,067	1,686	3,646	6,130	21	132
1857-58	70,361	17,938	...	...	...	...	...	†35,965	1,856	30,214	1,856	6,741	...	381
1858-59	78,043	19,255	...	16,819	...	...	1,804	7,192	1,317	3,405	1,317	3,787	...	247
1859-60	85,082	20,707	...	17,000	...	...	1,804	6,989	1,462	3,744	1,462	3,245	...	207
1860-61	*97,386	27,331	...	19,161	...	...	3,008	†16,948	6,674	12,299	6,666	4,649	18	242
1861-62	105,084	28,874	...	20,381	...	...	4,794	7,391	1,483	1,274	1,403	6,117	...	234
1862-63	110,563	31,048	...	22,626	...	...	5,237	5,529	2,169	829	1,958	4,700	212	194
1863-64	116,984	31,837	...	23,592	...	...	5,116	6,296	2,939	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	219
1864-65	123,016	32,553	...	24,890	...	...	4,984	6,082	1,610	804	1,026	5,178	490	328
1865-66	130,678	35,566	...	25,366	...	...	5,141	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,286	671	336
1866-67	138,080	44,443	...	*25,199	...	...	5,146	5,303	7,877	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	300
1867-68	144,092	47,254	...	26,606	...	...	5,806	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,513	6,396	298	342
1868-69	152,796	61,177	...	28,723	...	...	6,106	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,939	649
1869-70†	160,573	74,770	...	29,900	...	...	6,245	7,775	13,563	1,646	10,228	6,129	3,366	666
1870-71	179,260	89,746	...	30,574	...	5,936	*6,964	††18,069	14,976	9,760	10,806	8,349	4,171	604
1871-72	192,968	100,333	...	31,827	...	4,395	*7,314	13,768	10,637	4,349	6,831	9,359	4,806	610

NOTE.—The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes of course many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are now out and put among our pamphlets held for exchange.

* Actual count. † Nine months. ‡ Of these, 24,618 were the Bates gift. § Of these, 11,721 were the Parker bequest. || Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. †† Including 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association.

APPENDIX II.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
The General Library	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709
Bowditch Library*	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library*	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721
“ Duplicates (not for sale)† . . .	186	186	186	186	186	186
Prince Library	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	†1,970	1,970
Ticknor Library . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,774	\$3,907
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located at the end of the year	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651
	105,735	111,681	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686
Condemned . . . . .	.....	.....	2	0	0	1
Total . . . . .	.....	.....	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,686

* See Appendix VII.

† Including 18 vols. of MSS.

‡ Boxed and stored in the basement.

§ Includes 31 vols. of MSS. as bound. When received they were mostly in stitched brochures, several of which are now bound in one volume. The remainder of the difference between the present year's figures and those for last has arisen from some discrepancy last year in the count of pamphlets destined for volumes.

NOTE. — Something less than 100 volumes have probably been lost from the Bates Hall since 1861, and each year some reappear, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little; so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Reported the preceding year		25,199	26,806	28,723	29,909	30,574
Added during the year		2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614
Total		27,202	29,275	30,140	32,689	33,188
Books transferred to Bates Hall		339	93	19	23	7
Books transferred to Branches					†859	635
Condemned during the year		257	259	212	1,233	819
Total left	*25,199	26,806	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827

* Actual count. † To East Boston.

NOTE. There have been perhaps since the last actual count in 1867, about sixty or seventy volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as "unaccounted for," but may reappear.

APPENDIX IV.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including *Porter* duplicates, or a large lot of odd volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are now boxed up.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Number at beginning of year	4,965	5,146	5,905	6,106	. . . .	6,954
Added during the year	714	1,004	847	443	393	906
	5,689	6,150	6,652	6,549	. . . .	7,960
Disposed of	523	345	546	304	234	†636
Total	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314

* This number is by an actual count of the volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes three hundred and eighty-one volumes of British Sessional documents, ready for exchange.

† Of these one hundred and eighty-eight were exchanged and four hundred and forty-eight sent to the South Boston Branch.

NOTE. There are also of pamphlets some thirty thousand duplicates, arranged in boxes, and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges with us.

APPENDIX V.

INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
INCREASE OF THE BATES HALL.						
Gain in located books (App. VI.)	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,506	10,384	
Of these not located at last Report	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,185	
Added and located	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	
Added and not located at end of year	1,327	140	294	*4,135	661	
Net increase of sale duplicates	659	301	139	...	...
(App. IV.)						
Total gain	6,605	6,589	6,589	11,349	6,900	
Condemned . . . . .	...	2	...	...	1	
Net gain	6,605	6,587	6,589	11,349	6,899	
INCREASE OF THE LOWER HALL.						
Added during the year	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	
Less transfers and condemned books	596	352	231	2,115	1,361	
Net gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	
INCREASE OF EAST BOSTON BRANCH.						
Gain in located books . . . . .	...	...	...	5,936	831	
Condemned and lost . . . . .	...	...	...	...	50	
Net gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	831	
INCREASE OF SO. BOSTON BRANCH.						
Gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	4,365	
INCREASE OF DUPLICATE ROOM.						
Gain . . . . .	...	...	...	149	360	
INCREASE OF ENTIRE COLLECTION.						
Bates Hall gain	6,605	6,589	6,589	11,349	6,899	
Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	
E. B. Branch gain . . . . .	...	...	...	5,936	831	
S. B. Branch gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	4,365	
Duplicate Room gain . . . . .	...	...	...	149	360	
Total gain	8,012	8,685	7,775	18,099	13,708	
INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.						
English Books with British imprint	635	708	625	811	899	1,096
English Books with American imprint	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,206	3,642
English Books with Continental imprint	104	100	80	50	48	115
Foreign Books	539	673	789	487	561	891
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	...	447	248	480	...
Total	2,529	2,826	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744

* Includes Ticknor Library.

APPENDIX VI.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.
May	768	.....	727	455
June	509	.....	480	464
July	1,037	.....	462	291
August	888	847	520	518
September	718	883	878	511
October	866	697	546	296
November	443	763	695	*4,528
December	639	682	905	651
January	626	884	427	611
February	568	683	706	724
March	621	882	1,001	738
April	417	1,175	661	†598
Total	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384

NOTE.—These figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1869. The figures for May, June and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the library year.

* 3,576 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

Pamphlets. During the year the Curator of pamphlets has beside assorting the current additions, arranged for the binder 385 volumes, of an average of 12 pamphlets each, and of these 69 related to the Slavery question.

APPENDIX VII.

BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

(Not including the sale or Parker duplicates, or volumes added, but not yet located.)

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.				Class No.	CLASS.	GENERAL LIBRARY.										Total of Bates Hall, in- cluding these Special Libraries.
1868.	1861.	1894.	1871.			Located 1867.	Located 1868.	Located 1869.	Located 1870.	Located 1871.	May 1, 1871.	Located 1872.	May 1, 1872.			
Bowditch Library.	Parker Library.	Prince Library.	Ticknor Library.	I.	Cyclopedias, etc.	24	86	19	22	22	1,199	32	1,231	1,767		
32	596	3	246	II.	Bibliography and Literary History	170	231	326	271	273	3,691	235	3,926	4,803		
16	650	54	...	III.	Gen'l History, Biography, Travel and Geog'ry.	170	140	184	157	223	3,774	284	4,058	4,778		
96	693	624	152	IV.	American History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	515	1,168	1,438	918	1,306	14,168	911	15,079	16,644		
75	573	69	16	V.	English History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	498	762	739	767	1,018	14,335	635	14,970	15,703		
59	413	7	40	VI.	French History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	188	335	413	207	263	7,201	443	7,644	8,163		
9	291	2	30	VII.	Italian History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	87	229	189	180	238	5,495	249	5,744	6,076		
7	1,283	8	18	VIII.	Germanic History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	228	159	266	222	250	4,383	250	4,633	5,949		
6	1,122	106	27	IX.	Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	100	112	97	107	3,488	82	3,570	4,921		
20	82	...	2,765	X.	Spanish and Portuguese History and Litera- ture . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,425
2	369	1	...	XI.	Other History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Literature	214	216	189	160	292	3,003	176	3,179	3,651		

908	601	5	97	[XII.]	Periodicals and Transactions	316	341	507	445	560	12,311	397	12,708	14,319
144	8,243	872	310	XIII.]	Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	988	595	836	617	986	10,995	496	11,491	16,060
5	1,247	49	77	XIV.]	Metaphysics and Social Science.	185	343	423	444	376	4,414	263	4,677	6,065
3	307	13	30	XV.]	Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	2,512	106	2,618	2,971
65	98	..	15	XVI.]	Political Economy	79	66	118	75	180	1,060	58	1,118	1,596
3	66	22	..	XVII.]	Medical Science.	370	556	708	515	395	6,547	669	7,216	7,307
14	124	..	..	XVIII.]	Natural History and Science	155	170	172	212	191	4,670	331	5,001	5,139
824	90	20	63	XIX.]	Mathematics and Physical Sciences.	312	318	394	449	485	6,202	434	6,636	7,623
4	9	..	..	XX.]	Useful Arts.	96	116	119	102	76	1,290	181	1,471	1,484
..	29	1	..	XXI.]	Fine Arts.	197	206	193	333	263	3,546	215	3,761	3,791
6	..	..	..	XXII.]	Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphlets . . . . .	..	..	15	6	5	413	3	416	423
..	..	18	31	XXIII.]	Bound Vols. of Manuscripts. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
2,542	11,721	1,970	3,907	..	Totals	5,100	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	115,232	6,477	121,709	142,286

EXPLANATION. — CLASS III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

CLASS IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

CLASS V, CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII. — These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

CLASS XI includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

CLASS XIV includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Phenology, etc.

CLASS XIX includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

CLASS XXII embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several alcoves.

NOTE. — The above figures of the four special collections exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials, but such accessions are counted in the classes of the General Library, though the books are located with the special collection. The increase of the Ticker Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

APPENDIX VIII.

LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1867.		1868.		1869.		1870.		1871.		1872. To be deducted.						Total, May 1, 1872.
	Total, Aug. 1.		Total, Aug. 1.		Total, Aug. 1.		Total, May 1.		Total, May 1.		New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned, books replaced.	Total added, 1871-2.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.		Condemned.
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc.	1,438	1,560	1,651	1,703	1,753	55	12	0	67	3	11	1	1,806				
Jurisprudence and Political Science	270	276	280	283	289	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	275				
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science.	1,706	1,778	1,857	1,898	1,908	57	20	6	82	2	34	6	1,948				
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science .	899	929	947	954	939	17	4	1	22	0	31	1	929				
American History and Politics	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,088	6	1	1	8	0	23	1	1,070				
Foreign History and Politics	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,383	18	5	3	26	0	23	2	1,359				
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric	2,268	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	51	14	6	101	0	38	1	2,629				
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	7,165	8,062	9,130	9,818	10,469	576	534	562	1,672	0	161	705	11,281				
Biography	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,293	40	12	7	59	0	66	11	2,281				
Travels	1,897	1,871	1,986	2,041	1,990	42	44	11	97	0	94	13	1,980				
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.*.	2,621	2,798	3,125	3,305	3,478	144	246	31	421	2	50	76	3,771				
German Books	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	3	1	1	5	0	0	2	1,250				
Italian Books	221	221	221	224	226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	226				
French Books.	1,043	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	1,213				
Spanish Books . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Books of Reference	87	92	97	126	171	43	0	0	43	0	0	0	214				
Totals	25,199	28,606	32,723	29,909	30,574	1,001	894	629	2,614	7	535	819	31,827				

* This class, embracing acts like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX IX.

LIST OF DONORS, 1871-72.

Bates, Joshua, London, interest in gold on the fund of	\$50,000
Bigelow, <i>Hon.</i> John P., " " " "	1,000
Franklin Club, " " " "	1,000
Lawrence, <i>Hon.</i> Abbott, " " " "	10,000
Phillips, <i>Hon.</i> Jonathan, " " " "	30,000
Ticknor, George, " " " "	4,000
Townsend, Mary P., " " " "	4,000
	\$100,000

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1871, TO APRIL 30, 1872.

Donors (excluding anonymous),	610
Volumes,	4,349
Pamphlets,	5,831

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Academia, Lugduno-Batava, <i>Leyden</i> ,	1	
Adams, <i>Hon.</i> Charles F., <i>Quincy</i> ,		3
Alden, <i>Miss</i> Mary Anne, <i>Duxbury</i> , 1 newspaper,	29	110
Allen, George H.,		2
Allen, Joseph H.,	1	
Allen, Nathan, <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Allen, Stephen M.,	1	
Alameida, Joao de, <i>Brazil</i> ,	3	6
Alton, <i>Ill.</i> , Horticultural Society, 3 newspapers,		
American Academy of Arts and Sciences,	1	
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> ,		2
American Baptist Missionary Union,	2	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,	3	
American Colonization Society, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
American Iron and Steel Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		3
American Statistical Association,	2	6
American Tract Society, New England Branch,	2	
American Unitarian Association,	1	
Amiens, <i>France</i> , Bibliothèque communale,	2	
Andover Theological Seminary,		1
Andrews, Frank W.,		2
Anonymous, 20 numbers of periodicals, 1 broadside,	42	24

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Appleton, Thomas G.,	1	
Ashley, J. N., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Aspinwall, Col. Thomas,		2
Attwood, Gilbert, and Co.,		1
Austin, Miss, 158 numbers of periodicals,	28	
Austin, Ivers J.,	6	
Babcock, Rev. William G.,		2
Baird, Henry Carey, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		2
Balfour, David M., <i>Charlestown</i> ,	2	2
Ballantyne and Co., <i>Edinburg, Scotland</i> ,	1	
Baltimore, Md., City of,	1	
— Commissioner of Public Schools,	2	
Bankers' Magazine, The, Publisher, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Barclay, James J., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	5	70
Barton, Mrs. L. T.,	1	
Bates, Stockton, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Beadley and Power, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,		120
Beaman, Charles C., Jr., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Bellevue Hospital Medical College, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Benham, Gen. H. W.,	1	
Bennett, Joseph, <i>Brighton</i> ,		1
Bigelow, Henry J., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Birkenhead, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library,		1
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee,	1	
Blair, Prof. Walter, <i>Hampden Sidney College, Va.</i> ,		1
Blake, Clarence J., <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Blatchford, John S.,	1	2
Bolton, <i>England</i> , Public Library and Museum,		1
Bossange, Gustave, <i>Paris</i> ,	1	
Boston, City of,	70	3
— Athenæum,		2
— Bethesda Society,		11
— Board of Trade,	2	6
— Children's Hospital,		1
— Gas Light Company,	2	
— Home for Aged Men, 867 numbers of periodicals,	197	29
— Mattapan Literary Association, 1 MS.	1471	19
— Mercantile Library Association,		1
— Port and Seaman's Aid Society,		1
— Provident Association,		2
— St. Stephen's Chapel,		3
— Temporary Home for the Destitute,		1
— Young Women's Christian Association,		1
Boston and Albany Railroad Library,		2
Both, Carl, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M. D.</i> ,		5
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> ,		1
Boyd, David F., <i>New Orleans, La.</i> ,	1	
Bradford, George P.,	3	8
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D.,	4	1
Brady, William, <i>Houston, Texas</i> ,	1	
Brennecke, Dr. W., <i>Posen, Prussia</i> ,	1	
Brewer, Gardner, 1 oil painting,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i> ,	8	1
Bridgeman, Alfred, and Son, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Briggs and Brother, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> ,	1	
Brighton, Town of,		2
— Holton Library,	8	
Brincklé, J. Gordon, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Brinton, D. G., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		4
Briscoe, J. J., <i>Executor of, West Surrey, England</i> ,	1	
British and Foreign Unitarian Association, <i>London</i> ,	2	
British Museum, <i>London</i> ,	8	2
Brookline Public Library,		1
Brooklyn, <i>N. Y.</i> Mercantile Library Association,		4
Brown, Prof. George W., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> ,		1
Brown, J. C. J.,	125	
Brown, Orren L.,		1
Brown, Rev. S. R., <i>Yokohama, Japan</i> ,	1	
Brown, William M.,	1	
Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Bryant, H. W., <i>Portland, Me.</i> ,	1	
Buccellati, Dr. Antonio, <i>Pavia, Italy</i> ,	1	1
Buck, David,	1	
Buffalo, <i>N. Y.</i> Board of Trade,		1
— University,		4
Bunker Hill Monument Association, <i>Charlestown</i> ,	1	
Burbank, Edwin C., <i>Medford</i> ,	1	
Burgess, George, <i>London</i> , Bequeathed by Sir Anthony C. Sterling,	1	
Burritt, Elihu, <i>New Britain, Conn.</i> ,		1
Burroughs, Rev. Henry,	1	
Buswell, Edwin S.,	1	
Butler Hospital for the Insane, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Buteux, Rev. S.,	2	
Campbell, Loomis J.,	1	
Capen, Barnard,	1	
Capen, John,		1
Capen, Nahum,	1	
Centro, Robert R.,	1	
Chamberlain, David,	1	
Chandler, Horace P., 24 numbers of periodicals,	4	
Chandler, Col. J. G.,	1	
Chapman, George A.,	6	
Charlestown, City of,	1	
— Public Library,		1
Cheever, David W., <i>M. D.</i> ,		2
Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> , Board of Trade,	1	
— Medical College,		1
— Reform School,		3
Christern, F. W., <i>New York City</i> ,	7	9
Christian Register Association,	1	
Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Mercantile Library Association,		1
— Public Library, 5 maps,	2	1
Claghorn, James L., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		8
Clapp, Herbert C.,	1	
Clark, Henry G., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Clark, William A.,	1	
Clarke, Rev. Dorus, <i>D. D.</i> ,	1	
Clarke, Edward H., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Clarke, M. E.,	1	
Clarke, Robert, and Co., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	1	6
Collar, William C.,		1
Collins and M'Leester, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , 4 numbers of periodicals,		
Colton, G. W., and C. B., and Co., <i>New York City</i> ,		3
Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> ,		3
Conant, Caleb A.,	14	
Coolidge, Algernon, <i>M. D.</i> , 45 numbers of periodicals, 10 newspapers,	87	36
Cowdin, Elliot C., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Cowley, Charles,		1
Crestadoro, A., <i>Ph. D.</i> , <i>Manchester, England</i> ,	1	
Crosby, Sumner,	2	
Cupples, Joseph G.,	2	9
Curtis, Hon. George T., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Curtis, Thomas W., <i>Quincy</i> ,	1	1
Cutter, Charles A.,		5
Dalton, John C., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>New York City</i> ,	1	1
Dana, Israel T., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Portland, Me.</i> ,		2
Dana, Hon. Richard H., Jr.,		3
Danforth, John, <i>Lynnfield Centre</i> ,		10
Davis, Hon. J. C. V., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	7	12
Davis, Mrs. Paulina W., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	
Davis, Thomas W., 13 engraved plans,		
Dennet, William H.,	2	2
Derby, George, <i>M. D.</i> ,	22	
Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library,		2
Deutscher medicinischer Verein, 4 numbers of periodicals,	5	
De Voe, Edwin, <i>Charlestown</i> ,	2	
Dexter, John H., 1 engraving,		
Dexter, William S.,	88	6
Dix, Miss D. L., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Doliber, Thomas,	2	14
Donahoe, Patrick,	1	
Dowse, J., Jr., <i>Sherborn</i> ,		2
Drowne, Rev. T. Stafford, <i>D. D.</i> , <i>Brookline, N. Y.</i> ,	1	
Duane, William, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , 1 lithograph,	1	
Duren, Elnathan F., <i>Bangor, Me.</i> ,		1
Dux, Gustav,	1	
Eastern Railroad Company,		2
Eclectic Medical College, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Edes, Harry H., <i>Charlestown</i> ,	1	
Elliot, John F., 16 broadsides,	1	
Elliot, J., <i>Wolverhampton, England</i> ,	1	
Emerson, Hon. George B., 86 numbers of periodicals, 1 map,	54	641
Emigrant Union, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,		5
Espinassous, Alphonse d', <i>Salinelles, France</i> ,	1	
Essex Institute, <i>Salem</i> ,	3	2
Estes, Edwin C., <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Evans, Mrs. Lucy D., <i>Duxbury</i> ,	11	8
Everett, Percival L., 77 numbers of periodicals,	7	12
Fall River, R. I., Public Library,		1
Fielding and Son, 4 framed photographs,		
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—— Free Public Library,	1	
Worthington, Flanders, and Co.,	1	
Wuerttembergischer Thierschutzverein, <i>Stuttgart, Wurtem-</i> <i>berg</i> ,	1	
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,	1	8

APPENDIX X.

CIRCULATION.

(Books issued. No account is made of the great use of books within the Library rails.)

Year.	TOTAL CIRCULATION.				BATES HALL.				LOWER HALL.				EAST BOSTON BRANCH.							
	No. of days open.	Issues.	Daily Average.	Largest No. in one day.	Date of last column.	Home issues.	Hall issues.	Total issues.	Average.		Largest daily use.	In Home issues.	In Hall issues.	Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Green slips.	Total use.	
a 1854	142	35,389	250	535	Sep. 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Total use.
1855	296	81,281	284	606	Feb. 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hall use.
1856	284	82,661	291	647	Feb. 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Largest daily use.
1857	288	89,425	310	730	Jan. 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Daily average.
b 1858	197	75,570	383	693	Feb. 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Home use.
1859	254	149,468	588	1,335	Mar. 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Total use.
1860	207	151,020	508	1,052	Feb. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Home use.
1861	274	160,877	587	1,303	Feb. 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Daily average.
1862	298	180,302	626	1,517	Mar. 1	7,400	10,263	17,663	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Largest daily use.
c 1863	215	138,027	644	1,534	Feb. 7	5,222	7,124	12,346	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hall use.
1864	280	184,035	664	1,424	Feb. 27	7,468	11,057	18,525	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Green slips.
1865	275	194,627	708	1,464	Nov. 19	10,871	13,090	23,461	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Total use.
1866	278	193,802	732	1,580	Feb. 10	9,763	10,438	20,201	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Home use.
1867	277	208,963	754	1,813	Feb. 23	13,696	11,553	25,249	92	167	162	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Daily average.
1868	279	175,727	630	1,323	Feb. 1	17,020	16,854	33,874	121	332	250	161	141	853	508	1,060	..	..	..	Largest daily use.
d 1869	284	218,677	770	1,498	Feb. 20	23,203	19,702	42,905	151	307	164	178	175,772	619	1,239	..	..	..	..	Hall use.
f 1870	230	210,963	917	1,768	Feb. 19	25,096	21,601	47,597	207	441	191	268	161	631	703	1,353	1,736	168,866	..	Total use.
1871	307	232,445	965	1,856	Jan. 28	31,080	34,225	65,205	212	457	242	242	227,579	741	1,413	3,531	231,110	25,151	1,353	596
1872	308	380,343	1,224	2,426	Mar. 16	23,159	27,092	50,251	163	286	230	184	248,029	805	1,472	5,217	254,246	74,804	243	609
																				1,042
																				76,846

a Six months. b Removal of the library. c Ten months. d Eleven months (library not closed for examination). e New restrictions put upon costly books. f Nine months. g Central Library only. A If the issues at East Boston be excluded, this footing would be 296,315; and if hall issues be excluded, there will be record of 293,710 volumes used at home. t Open seventy-eight days. k Includes B. H., L. H., and K. B. Branch. m See report for 1868. n Includes books borrowed and returned the same day, on white slips, as shown in Appendix XI.

APPENDIX XI.

LOWER HALL.

Books returned for each month. (Books issued appear in Appendix X.)

MONTHS.	1867-8. (11 mos.)		1868-9. (11 mos.)		1869-70. (9 mos.)		1870-1.				1871-2.			
	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Home use.	Hall use (white).	Hall use (green).	Total.	Home use.	Hall use (white).	Hall use (green).	Total.	
May	13,883	14,268	.....	.....	.....	17,246	737	284	18,227	17,734	571	217	18,522
June	12,876	12,620	.....	.....	.....	14,691	702	208	15,601	15,443	597	244	16,284
July	11,518	13,004	.....	.....	.....	13,529	499	160	14,178	14,979	583	299	15,861
August . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,109	13,493	530	315	14,338	15,078	586	276	15,939
September	3,916	8,641	.....	.....	12,779	14,221	534	308	15,043	15,766	601	352	16,809
October	10,075	14,403	.....	.....	15,178	18,196	645	281	19,121	19,167	788	438	19,408
November	12,606	16,571	.....	.....	17,119	19,013	611	310	19,939	19,114	806	638	20,647
December	13,213	19,194	.....	.....	18,721	20,683	782	480	21,806	21,365	1,013	742	23,120
January	14,497	19,641	.....	.....	20,907	22,178	873	410	23,461	23,478	1,006	707	25,290
February	16,926	18,794	.....	.....	21,077	21,116	963	384	23,508	22,386	1,245	846	24,487
March	17,057	19,969	.....	.....	22,798	23,108	803	342	24,353	23,724	1,306	929	26,048
April	15,686	16,426	.....	.....	20,815	19,208	707	209	20,124	21,620	1,068	515	23,193
Total	141,853	173,431	.....	.....	161,503	216,796	8,381	3,531	228,703	223,964	10,517	6,217	245,568

NOTE. — *White* slips are used for drawing books for home use, or hall use, one at a time. When books are drawn for reference, *green* slips are used, and several volumes may be in use in the hall by one person at the same time by means of these slips.

APPENDIX XII.

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1864-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1869-67, had 52,829 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.						
		1868.	1869.	1870.		1872.	Totals.	
I.	Applications.	<i>Central Library</i>	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,096	6,688	38,906
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	2,320	993	3,313
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	232	232
		<i>Total</i>	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	42,453
II.	Applications sent to Police.	<i>Central Library</i>	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	14,092
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,012	474	1,486
		<i>Total</i>	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,062	3,350	16,578
III.	Cards Refused.	<i>Central Library</i>	233	202	179	241	267	1,122
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	80	28	108
		<i>Total</i>	233	202	179	321	296	1,230
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	<i>Central Library</i>	852	589	404	333	439	2,677
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	117	151	268
		<i>Total</i>	852	589	404	510	590	2,945
V.	Applications Cancelled.	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	264	1,479
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	82	82
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	346	1,561
VI.	Cards in use (deducting Classes III and V).	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	...	...	...	30,150	36,307	...
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	2,240	3,128	...
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	32,390	39,435	...

The largest weekly number of applicants at the Central Library was 202, for the week beginning Oct. 30, 1871; and the smallest 56, for the week beginning May 29, 1872 (the Library was closed part of Dedication Day); and the weekly average has been 128. The largest number of applicants in any one day was 39 for Feb. 28; the smallest 2 for Sept. 18.

Up to October, 1870, there had been a large number of applicants from the beginning of the present registration, who had not called for their cards, and a system was then begun of notifying applicants of six months standing that their cards were held subject to their order for one month longer, and if then not called for the application would be cancelled. Under this rule at the Central Library there had been sent this year 327 notices, and 264 applications had been cancelled, leaving 63 cases which were satisfactorily adjusted.

The number of applicants, who are residents of Dorchester, since January 1st, 1870 (when they became entitled to the privileges of the Library), is 565 for 1870, 293 for 1871, and 295 for 1872 — total, 1,153.

Most of the "cards refused" are for reason of non-residency or being under age.

Since the change was made in the registration of fines, March 16, 1869, cards have been retained for non-payment of fines, until redeemed, and May 1, 1871, the Clerk had in his possession 505 such cards. There have been 273 cards detained during the past year.

Applications are sent to the police, when the Directory and all other means of verification fail.

CARDS LOST. 2,493 notices of such were given at the Central Library during the year, and 1,636 were restored on further application.

APPENDIX XIII.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED, AND USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED.				USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.	
YEARS.	Total recommended.	Already in Library.	Received since.	Persons.	Hours' use.
1854	123	...	...	...	...
1855	221	...	...	...	...
1856	121	...	...	...	...
1857	18	...	...	...	...
1858	85	...	...	...	...
1859	178	...	...	...	...
1860	91	...	...	...	...
1861	115	...	...	...	...
1862	204	...	...	...	...
1863	185	...	...	...	...
1864	56	...	...	...	...
1865	58	...	...	182	243
1866	306	...	...	187	248
1867	546	95	250	197	248
1868	1,120	183	423	269	367
1869	1,178	226	535	361	589
1870 (nine months)	1,231	257	448	346	389
1871	1,665	418	549	347	301
1872	*1,576	334	756	642	815

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended" the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended," does not appear in this table. For instance, of the 1,120 — (183+423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

* The partial disuse of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

Patents. — The American and French Patents have been placed in an alcove contiguous to the room of the British Patents, and the whole collection put in charge of a curator. No record is made of the use of either the American or French Patents.

APPENDIX XIV.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.									
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	17.5	16	18	18	20	17	17	17	17	12
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13	10
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
Greek, Latin, and Philology	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1
Transactions	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11
Natural History and Science	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14
Medicine	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8
Micellaneous Pamphlets, bound	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3

NOTE. — In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library. — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix VII.

The want of a Catalogue to the Spanish books of the Ticknor Library has prevented any use of those books which would enter into the statistics.

During a considerable part of 1872, the first nine classes were partially inaccessible on account of the alterations in the Hall, which has caused the unusual diminution of the percentage of use of those classes.

During the year bound volumes of the Tostl Engravings have been shown on Mondays and Saturdays to 812 persons; 553 ladies and 259 gentlemen; and three copyists have been accommodated.

APPENDIX XV. LOWER HALL READING.

Class No.	ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1869.		1870. (Nine months.)		1871.		1872.	
			Loans re-	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX.	Sciences, Arts, Professions . .	10,622	7.4	11,486	6.97	12,662	5.7	16,996	6
2	II, XII.	American History and Politics.	2,683	1.8	2,682	1.63	2,270	1	2,096	-1
3	IX, XIX.	Foreign History and Politics .	3,090	2.1	3,221	1.96	2,702	1.2	2,715	1+
4	III, XIII.	Collections, Periodicals, etc..	5,941	4.2	2,461	1.5	5,954	2.7	8,019	4
5	IV, XIV.	Prose Fiction for adults and youths	105,227	74.2	126,273	76.36	167,604	77.2	173,438	76
6	VII, XVII.	Biography	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.78	5,108	2.2	4,106	2
7	V, XV.	Travels, Voyages, etc.	3,289	2.3	6,363	3.26	6,154	2.4	6,062	3
8	VI, XVI.	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Mi- cellaneous, Essays, etc. . . .	3,602	2.6	4,560	2.77	5,747	2.8	11,630	6
9	VIII, XVIII.	French, German, and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	2,691	1+
10	X, XX, except ranges 8, 9, 10.		141,863	...	164,038	...	153,423	...	228,364	...

NOTE. — Compare Appendices I and XI, and notes to the same.

One-half of Classes 4, 9, and 10, added to Class 5, gives 186,199 issues for imaginative literature, or over 81 per cent. of the total issues for the year.

NOTE. — The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVI.

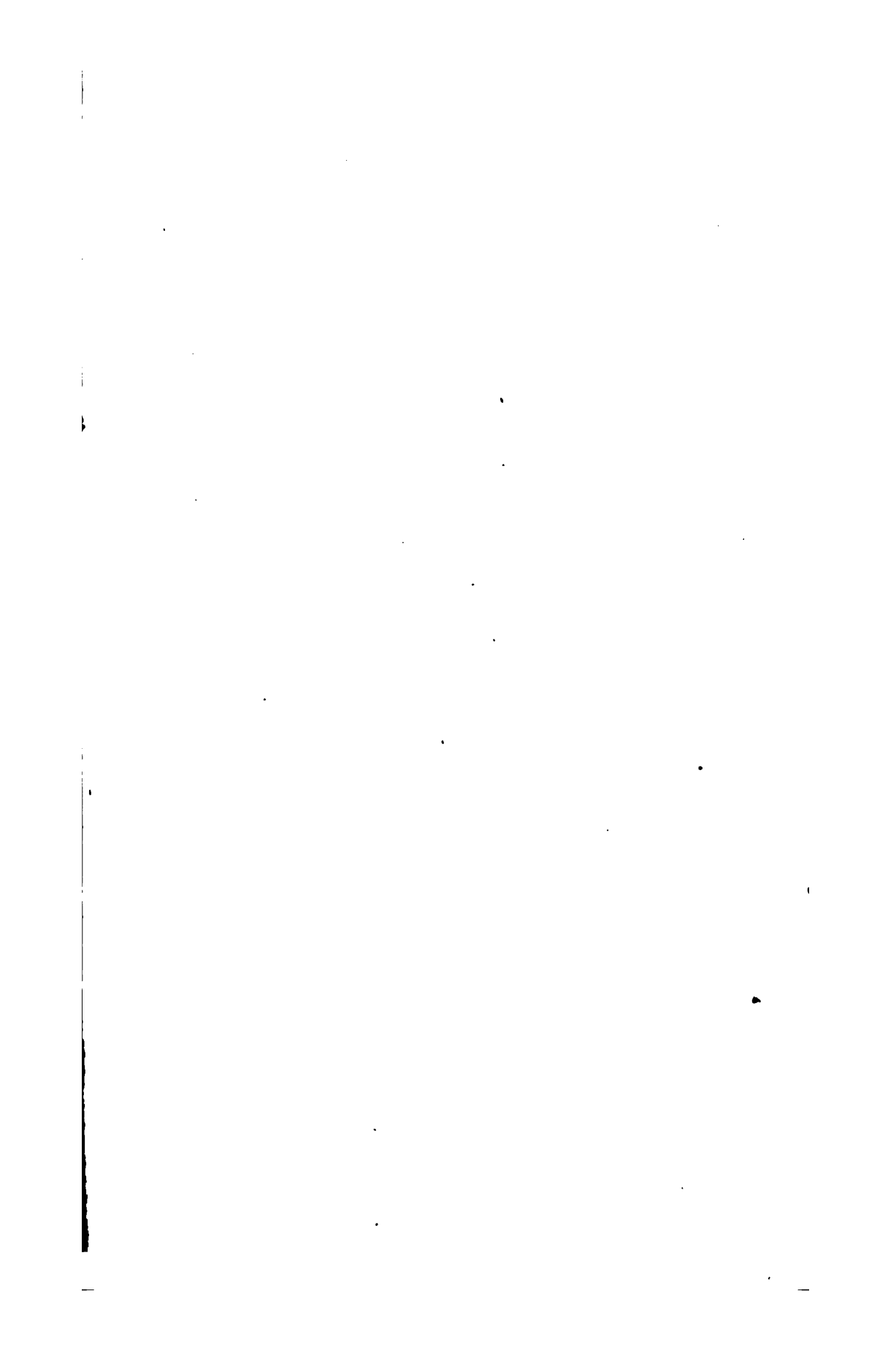
EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1871. (3 mos.)		1872.	
			Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.
I.	10,11,12,19,21	Biography	669	8	1,104	1
II.	4,83	Collections, Libraries, etc. .	552	2	1,002	1
III.	24,26,28,30,32,34 . .	Fiction in Prose	8,598	36	81,937	43
IV.	27	Foreign books	27	-1	57	. .
V.	18,14,18,85	History	1,096	6	1,619	2
VI.	1,2	Juvenile books	6,689	28	25,855	35
VII.	15,20	Miscellaneous	747	3	1,256	2
VIII.	5,6,7,17,37,39,40,41 .	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	1,119	5	4,009	6
IX.	16,22	Poetry and Drama	2,071	9	2,447	4
X.	3,36,38	Sciences, Arts, Professions .	883	8	2,057	3
XI.	8,9,23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5	2,296	3
.		Total	23,575		73,839	

There were 966 volumes in the hands of borrowers April 30, 1872.

NOTE. The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether fiction, history, biography, etc., would require. The above table can better be compared, then, with the statistics of the Public School Library of St. Louis, where, according to their last report, the circulation of novels was 52 per cent. ; of juvenile books, 27 per cent. ; of scientific books, 5 per cent., and of historical and all others, 16 per cent. Fiction and juveniles will be found in each case to be about 78 per cent. of the circulation. The percentage of English prose fiction and juveniles at the Public Library of Cincinnati, during the past year, has been nearly 75.



APPENDIX XVII. PERIODICAL READING ROOMS.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.			1872.		
					Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	Total.	Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	Total.
PERIODICALS DIVIDED BY LANGUAGES.										
English	141	176	208	220	237	28	315	293	37	333
French	39	46	49	47	48	..	48	52	..	52
German	27	31	35	34	36	..	36	38	..	38
Italian	1	2	2	3	3	..	3	3	..	3
Total, not reckoning duplicates in the same room .	208	254	294	304	374	28	402	389	37	426
Duplicates . . . . .	..	..	..	..	67	5	72	75	5	80
Grand Total . . . . .	..	..	..	..	441	33	474	464	42	506*
BY CLASSES.										
1. Scientific and Professional	86	98	119	128	143	4	147	137	4	141
2. Literary and Miscellaneous	68	96	96	96	98	16	113	107	17	124
3. Agricultural and Horticultural . . . . .	..	..	13	13	21	..	21	17	..	17
4. Religious	18	17	17	17	36	..	36	39	2	41
6. Illustrated and Foreign Newspapers	12	17	14	14	21	2	23	26	2	28

6. Commercial	0	9	11	11	20	1	31	22	23
7. Fashion	6	6	8	6	6	2	10	9	14
8. Illustrated Comic Magazines	3	3	5	5	4	..	4	4	5
9. Juveniles	3	4	8	8	11	8	14	14	19
10. Fine Arts	3	4	4	4	12	1	13	14	15
Total, excluding duplicates	208	254	294	304	374	28	402	389	426
STATISTICS OF USE.									
Number of days open	289	300	1269	1230	307	130	..	308	308
Readers of Periodicals, males || . . . . .	50,846	70,452	84,329	103,609	156,717	9,377	106,094	141,976	154,092
Readers of Periodicals, females || . . . . .	4,438	4,427	5,225	13,563	26,367	956	27,323	15,092	16,827
Total readers	55,284	\$76,892	\$91,674	117,202	183,084	10,333	133,417	157,068	171,519
Daily average readers	191	256	306	510	596	79	675	510	597
Magazines read, total	81,783	83,034	136,122	142,962	243,169	25,981	265,150	227,568	254,159
Magazines read, daily average	283	293	455	622	792	200	992	740	825

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List published during the year.

† Nine months.
‡ Eleven months and no vacation.

§ This includes for 1899, 2,120, and for 1898, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made. ¶ This proportion between male and female readers is not fully trustworthy. The distinction is made in the count by means of the feminine names on the slips signed by the applicants, but when the signature gives only initials, this means of distinction often fails.

|| Note. The Reading Room of the South Boston Branch was opened with 25 periodicals, April 22, and up to and including April 30, 1,194 persons had used 2,543 periodicals, figures which are not included in the above table.

APPENDIX XVIII. PERIODICALS OF WHICH DUPLICATES ARE TAKEN.

TITLES.	COPIES TAKEN.		TOTAL.
	Central R. R.	E. B. R. R.	
American Artisan	2	..	2
Appleton's Journal	3	..	3
Army and Navy Journal	2	..	2
Atlantic Monthly	5	..	5
Boston Journal of Chemistry	2	..	2
Boys of England	2	..	2
Catholic World	2	..	2
Dwight's Journal of Music	2	..	2
Every Saturday	4	2	6
Galaxy	3	..	3
Godey's Lady's Book	4	..	4
Good Words for the Young	2	..	2
Harper's Bazar	4	..	4
" Monthly	11	..	11
" Weekly	6	2	8
Illustrated London News	2	..	2
Lippincott's Magazine	2	..	2
Little Corporal	2	..	2
Merry's Museum	4	..	4
Nation	2	..	2
North American Review	2	..	2
Old and New	2	..	2
Oliver Optic's Magazine	8	3	11
Our Young Folks	4	..	4
Overland Monthly	2	..	2
Peterson's Magazine	4	..	4
Phrenological Journal	2	..	2
Scientific American	4	..	4
Schoolmate	8	..	8
Scribner's Monthly	3	2	5
Woman's Journal	2	..	2
Copies taken	107	9	116
Magazines duplicated	32	4	36
Duplicates taken	75	5	80

APPENDIX XIX. LOSSES AND DELINQUENTS.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1867.		1868.			1869.		
		Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	15,652	2,008	9,903	11,911	2,573	10,551	13,124	
2	Books returned after notice	14,203	1,925	8,554	11,479	2,480	10,133	12,613	
3	Books sent for by messenger	1,449	83	349	432	93	418	511	
4	Books recovered by messenger . . . . .	.....	81	322	403	90	401	491
5	Books not recovered	231	2	33	35	3	17	20	
6	Books condemned	420	.....	257	257	2	259	261
7	Books covered . . . . .	.....	.....	35,241	35,241	.....	23,826	23,826
8	Persons finable not paying messenger . . . . .	.....	.....	86	86	.....	75	75
9	Fines collected by messenger . . . . .	.....	\$19 12	\$66 61	\$85 73	\$23 45	\$93 65	\$122 10
10	Fines uncollected by messenger . . . . .	.....	\$7 06	\$42 20	\$49 26	\$7 56	\$33 21	\$40 77
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	\$11 96	.....	.....	\$10 53
12	Cost of mail notices, say five cents each . . . . .	.....	\$110 40	\$495 15	\$605 55	\$123 65	\$527 55	\$656 20
13	Residences known to have been changed without notice being given . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	92

APPENDIX XIX.—Continued.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1870.			1871.			1872.				
		B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	Total.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	2,607	9,313	11,920	3,698	14,606	896	18,700	2,962	16,061	2,845	21,868
2	Books returned after notice	2,500	8,919	11,419	3,627	13,937	392	17,556	2,810	15,261	2,804	20,872
3	Books sent for by messenger	107	394	501	171	669	4	844	152	800	41	993
4	Books recovered by messenger	101	374	475	157	645	3	805	146	769	41	956
5	Books not recovered	6	20	26	14	24	1	39	6	31	0	37
6	Books condemned . . . . .	...	212	212	...	1,223	1	1,224	...	819	50	869
7	Books covered . . . . .	...	34,639	34,639	...	51,537	2,647	54,184	...	64,394	16,911	81,305
8	Persons finable not paying messenger	7	80	87	22	173	1	195	30	266	12	308
9	Fines collected by messenger	\$24 75	\$83 62	\$108 37	\$48 88	\$135 19	\$0 68	\$184 07	\$34 88	\$169 57	\$9 75	\$214 20
10	Fines uncollected by messenger	\$7 88	\$33 77	\$41 65	\$19 62	\$79 12	\$0 34	\$98 74	\$10 64	\$83 96	\$2 63	\$107 23
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	...	...	\$14 45	...	\$24 76	...	\$24 76	...	\$22 26	...	\$22 26
12	Cost of mail notices, say five cents each	\$130 35	\$465 65	\$596 00	\$184 90	\$730 30	\$19 80	\$985 00	\$148 10	\$803 05	\$142 25	\$1,093 40
13	Residences known to have been changed without notice being given . . . . .	...	...	57	...	116	0	116	...	98	...	...

There were 2,669 volumes sent to be bound from the Lower Hall and Central Reading Room last year, and this year there were 3,219, including 247 for South Boston Branch. There were also 596 sent from the East Boston Branch, some of which were condemned by the binder.

* Three months' wear.

APPENDIX XX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.	Expended Oct. 1, 1886, to Sept. 30, 1886.	City approp- riation, May 1, 1886, to April 30, 1886.	Expended Oct. 1, 1886, to Aug. 31, 1886.	City approp- riation, Jan. 1, 1887, to April 30, 70.	Expended Sept. 1, 1887, to April 30, 1870.	1870-71.		1871-72.		Paid into City Treas- ury from sales of Cal- alogues.	
						City ap- propriat'.	Expended.	City ap- proprio's.	Expended.		
Binding.	\$4,067 29	\$3,650	\$5,167 70	\$5,000	\$3,477 00	\$4,400	\$5,231 38	\$5,200	\$5,569 12	1859	\$437 80
Books.	11,476 75	6,500	12,002 26	6,500	9,435 39	7,500	12,109 08	9,000	14,538 60	1860	450 00
Catalogues (printing)	2,004 16	5,000	2,001 39	5,500	4,472 02	4,800	3,433 62	5,700	3,731 85	1861	246 34
Expense.	1,348 02	1,500	1,578 30	1,800	2,551 86	1,600	1,678 90	2,000	2,487 04	1862	350 00
Fuel.	193 50	1,500	1,132 00	1,500	1,287 00	1,300	1,063 80	1,550	1,666 20	1863	528 49
Furniture, (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.)	1,984 81	1,000	1,506 05	1,500	2,379 66	1,300	1,982 03	1,650	2,012 83	1864	314 60
Gas.	1,644 46	2,000	1,779 04	2,250	1,463 74	1,700	2,041 76	2,200	2,303 98	1865	385 64
Periodicals *.	1,665 96	. . . . .	2,561 32	. . . . .	778 01	. . . . .	1,979 63	. . . . .	2,130 08	1866	298 92
Printing (miscellaneous)	1,507 07	1,000	1,700 28	1,000	1,414 96	1,700	2,247 28	2,200	2,299 14	1867	504 18
Salaries.	23,283 47	26,000	22,655 93	26,000	18,646 36	30,000	29,074 00	35,000	34,507 71	1868	507 72
Stationery.	1,173 14	1,200	812 86	1,200	634 46	1,050	1,303 95	1,400	1,537 44	1869	659 55
Transportation, Postage, etc.	683 14	750	752 79	750	1,339 86	700	947 22	1,000	1,210 85	1870	996 63
EAST BOSTON BRANCH.											
Books, Binding, and Catalogues	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4,250	3,889 69			1871	1,160 00
Fixtures, misc. Printing, etc. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1,700	2,323 41			1872	1,472 44
Salaries. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	3,000	1,117 35				
Totals.	\$50,983 76	\$50,000	\$53,679 90	\$55,000	\$47,910 32	\$65,000	\$70,443 70	\$67,000	\$74,924 84		

NOTE. The expenditures for books cover the cost of those chargeable to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City, and also includes such as are bought with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequent to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining Branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the general appropriations.

* The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for Books.

APPENDIX XXI.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Assistant Superintendent.*

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Principal Assistant.*

Miss Caroline F. Adams, *Accountant.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Chief.*

James L. Whitney, *Principal Assistant*; Max Auerbach, *Assistant and Curator of Patent Room*; Miss M. E. Joslyn, *Assistant*; J. Otis Williams, *Curator of Pamphlets and Engravings*; William H. Foster, *Proof-Reader.*

Mrs. R. M. Eastman, *Extra Work*; Miss Harriet N. Pike, *Ordering Clerk*; Miss Mary McGrath, *Assistant Ordering Clerk*; Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, *Newspapers and Duplicates*; Miss A. B. Loud, *Pamphlets*; Miss A. A. Nichols, *Catalogues for Branches*; Miss Margaret McGrath, *Curator of Public Card Catalogue.*

Miss Alice M. Porée, *Lower Hall Assistant.*

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. L. T. BARTON, *Custodian.*

Appleton P. C. Griffin, *Assistant Custodian*; Ellen Stevenson, Annie M. Kennedy, *Assistants.*

BATES HALL DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH SYKES, *Keeper.*

Charles A. Wilson, Miss L. S. Norton, Miss Mary A. Tyler, *Assistants.*

Charles H. Guinness, John Bresnahan, John Barry, *Runners.*

LOWER HALL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD CAPEN, *Keeper.*

Miss Elizabeth S. Haley, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Lydia F. Knowles, *Receiving Clerk*; Lucy A. W. Guinness, *Keeper's Clerk*; Miss Elizabeth Ross, Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, *Assistants.*

Ellen E. Bresnahan, Ellen F. McCarty, Eliza F. Cetter, Henrietta E. Mack (*extra*), Florence E. Guinness (*extra*), *Runners.*

Elbridge Bradshaw, *Registration Clerk.*

Miss Matilda J. Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk.*

Miss Caroline E. Porée,

Miss Amelia McGrath (*extra*), } *Reading Room Attendants.*

J. G. Cupples, *Reading Room Attendant (evenings).*

JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor.*

Thomas Collins, *Assistant.*

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BINDING DEPARTMENT.

PETER LOW, *Foreman.*

Andrew M. Blake, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, *Assistants.*

NOTE. — The binderies of Theodore Jackson and Jerome Seidensticker are also employed.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Miss SARAH C. GODBOLD, *Librarian.*

Miss Mary R. Pray, Miss Addie G. Tracey, *Assistants.*

Mary E. Cathcart, *Runner.*

A. W. Trask, *Janitor.*

Misses Mary Lennon, Martha Hill, Alice Wing, Emma Pond, and Phebe Prince, *Substitutes and extra Assistants.*

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

Mrs. ANNA C. D. KEEN, *Librarian.*

Miss Clara F. Mulloy, Miss L. Anna Baldwin, *Assistants.*

Norah McCarthy, *Runner.*

Joseph Baker, *Janitor.*

NOTE. — The extra assistants and substitutes are not yet engaged.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Lee & Shepard, *Boston.*

Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., and Sampson Low, Son & Marston, *Boston and London.*

Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris.*

Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipsic.*

Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence.*

SUMMARY.

Superintendent	1
Accountant	1
Catalogue Department	13
Shelf Department	4
B. H. Circulating Department	7
L. H. Circulating Department	14
Janitorial Department	2
Binding Department	3
East Boston Branch	5
South Boston Branch	5
Regularly employed in the Libraries	55
Substitutes and extra Assistants	10
Total	65

APPENDIX XXII.

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

To the Superintendent:—

SIR,— For the year ending the 30th of April, 1871, there has been no regular examination of the Bates Hall collection, as the alterations in the hall and temporary changes in the location of the books have rendered it impossible. Since the completion of the shelving on the west side of the building the books have, however, been read by the shelf-lists and re-arranged in their proper places. Comparatively few of the volumes are missing, and it is believed that when the alterations on the east side are completed and the library again restored to its wonted order, the results of a full examination will prove as satisfactory as usual. Upon the Lower Hall library and the East Boston Branch, I beg leave to present the following

REPORT.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves	
at the time of examination	5,198 vols.
Loaned	4,402
At the Binder's	340
Otherwise accounted for	429
	— 5,171 “
Not at present accounted for, —	
Fiction	6
Duplicates of Fiction	4
Miscellaneous	17
	— 27 “

Missing volumes are constantly and persistently sought, yet accidents are liable to occur in a library of so large a circulation, and make it quite possible for a few books to slip away without being accounted for.

Eleven volumes recorded missing during previous years appeared on the shelves at the last examination, and nearly all of them were found to have been wrongly numbered. Of this number one was reported missing last year, five were missing in 1868, three in 1867, and two in 1866.

The number of books missing from each alcove, is as follows:—

1st alcove . . .	2 vols.	8th alcove . . .	3 vols.
2d " . . .	1 "	13th " . . .	2 "
3d " . . .	2 "	14th " . . .	2 "
4th " . . .	1 "	18th " . . .	3 "
6th " . . .	2 "	20th " . . .	2 "
7th " . . .	3 "	Dup's of 7th alcove	4 "

At the East Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves
at the time of examination 1,451 vols.

Loaned	1,331
At the Binder's	105
Otherwise accounted for	11
	— 1,447 "
Not at present accounted for, —	
Fiction	2
Juveniles	2
	— 4 "

I have also to report the following books which have disappeared
from the Bates Hall desk, during the past library year:—

- I. 13 Burke's Dictionary of English peerage. Nov. 1871.
- I. 4 Haydn's Book of dignities. Nov. 1871.
- F. 4 Bartlett's Familiar quotations. Dec. 1871.
- D. 5 Cleveland's Concordance to Milton. Dec. 1871.

Also the following from the desk in the Periodical Reading
Room:—

- E. 7 Biographie des Contemporains, v. 14. June, 1871.
- C. 1 Burke's Dictionary of peerage. Oct. 1871.
- B. 19 Index to Works of Charles Dickens. Oct. 1871.
- A. 5 Godwin's Hand-book of universal biography. Nov. 1871.

Respectfully submitted.

L. T. BARTON,
Custodian of the Shelves.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 8th, 1872.

APPENDIX XXIII.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES FOR TWENTY YEARS.

The following gentlemen have served on the Examining Committees for the years given. The names in *italics* are those of Trustees, who have acted as chairmen of the various committees.

Abbott, Hon. J. G., 1870.
 Adams, Nehemiah, *D.D.*, 1860.
 Alger, *Rev.* Wm. R., 1870.
 Appleton, *Hon.* Nathan, 1854.
 Aspinwall, *Col.* Thomas, 1860.

 Bailey, Edwin C., 1861.
 Ball, Joshua D., 1861.
 Barnard, James M., 1866.
 Bartlett, Sidney, 1869.
 Beebe, James M., 1858.
 Beecher, *Rev.* Edward, 1854.
 Bigelow, Jacob, *M.D.*, 1857.
Bigelow, Hon. John P., 1856.
 Blagden, George W., *D.D.*, 1856.
 Bowditch, J. Ingersoll, 1855.
 Bowditch, Henry I., *M.D.*, 1855.
Bowditch, Henry I., M.D., 1865.
 Bowman, Alfonzo, 1867.
 Bradford, Charles F., 1868.
 Brewer, Thomas M., 1865.
 Brooks, *Rev.* Phillips, 1871.
 Buckingham, C. E., *M.D.*, 1872.
 Burroughs, *Rev.* Henry, jr., 1869.

 Chaney, *Rev.* George L., 1868.
Clapp, William W., jr., 1864.
 Curtis, Charles P., 1862.
 Curtis, Daniel S., 1872.

 Dana, Samuel T., 1857.
 Dexter, *Rev.* Henry M., 1866.
 Dix, James A., 1860.
 Donahoe, Patrick, 1869.
 Durant, Henry F., 1863.
 Dwight, John S., 1868.

Eastburn, Manton, *D.D.*, 1863.
 Eliot, Samuel, *LL.D.*, 1868.
 Ellis, Calvin, *M.D.*, 1871.

 Field, Walbridge A., 1866.
 Fields, James T., 1872.
 Foote, *Rev.* Henry W., 1864.
 Fowle, William F., 1864.
 Freeland, Charles W., 1867.
 Frost, Oliver, 1854.

 Gannett, Ezra S., *D.D.*, 1855.
 Gilchrist, Daniel S., 1872.
 Gould, A. A., *M.D.*, 1864.
Green, Samuel A., M.D., 1868.
Greenough, William W., 1858.

 Hale, *Rev.* Edward E., 1858.
 Hale, Moses L., 1862.
 Haskins, *Rev.* George F., 1865.
 Hayward, George, *M.D.*, 1863.
 Heard, John T., 1853.
 Hillard, *Hon.* George S., 1853.
 Hodges, Richard M., *M.D.*, 1870.
 Holmes, Oliver W., *M.D.*, 1858.
 Homans, Charles D., *M.D.*, 1867.
 Homer, George, 1870.
 Homer, Peter T., 1857.
 Hubbard, William J., 1858.

 Jeffries, B. Joy, *M.D.*, 1869.
 Jewell, *Hon.* Harvey, 1863.

 Kidder, Henry P., 1870.
 Kimball, Henry H., 1865.
 Kirk, Edward N., *D.D.*, 1859.

Lothrop, Loring, 1866.
Lawrence, *Hon.* Abbott, 1853.
Lawrence, Abbott, 1859.
Lawrence, James, 1855.
Lewis, Weston, 1872.
Lincoln, *Hon.* F. W., 1856.
Little, James L., 1864.
Lombard, *Prof.* Josiah L., 1868.
Loring, *Hon.* Charles G., 1855.

Manning, *Rev.* Jacob M., 1861.
Mason, *Rev.* Charles, 1857.
Mason, Robert M., 1869.
Minns, Thomas, 1864.
Minot, Francis, 1866.
Morton, Hon. Ellis W., 1871.
Mudge, *Hon.* E. R., 1871.

Neale, Rollin H., *D.D.*, 1853.

Otis, G. A., 1860.

Perkins, Charles C., 1871.
Phillips, Jonathan, 1854.
Prescott, William H., *LL.D.*, 1853.
Putnam, George, D.D., 1870.
Putnam, *Hon.* John P., 1865.

Rice, *Hon.* Alexander H., 1860.
Rogers, *Prof.* William B., 1861.
Ropes, John C., 1872.

Rotch, Benjamin, 1863.

Sanger, Hon. George P., 1860.
Shurtleff, Hon. Nathaniel B., 1857.-
Sprague, Charles J., 1859.
Stevens, Oliver, 1858.
Stevenson, *Hon.* J. Thomas, 1856.
Stockwell, S. N., 1861.
Story, Joseph, 1856.

Thaxter, Adam W., 1855.
Thayer, *Rev.* Thomas B., 1862.
Thomas, Seth J., 1856.
Ticknor, George, 1853, 1854, 1855,
1859, 1863, 1866.
Tobey, *Hon.* Edward S., 1862.

Upham, J. B., *M.D.*, 1865.

Walley, *Hon.* Samuel H., 1862.
Warner, Herman J., 1867.
Warren, *Hon.* Charles H., 1859.
Waterston, *Rev.* Robert C., 1867.
Whipple, Edwin P., 1869.
Whitney, Daniel H., 1862.
Wightman, *Hon.* Joseph M., 1859.
Wilson, Elisha T., *M.D.*, 1861.
Winsor, Justin, 1867.
Winthrop, *Hon.* Robert C., 1854.
Woodbury, Charles Levi, 1871.

APPENDIX XXIV.

TRUSTEES FOR TWENTY YEARS.

The Honorable Edward Everett was President of the Board from 1852 to 1864; the late George Ticknor in 1865; and William W. Greenough, Esq., from 1866 to the present time.

The Board for 1852 was a preliminary organization; that for 1853 making what is called the first annual report. It consisted of one alderman and one common councilman, and five citizens at large, till 1867, when a revised Ordinance made it consist of one alderman, two common councilmen, and six citizens at large, two of whom retire, unless re-elected, each year, while the members from the City Council are elected yearly.

Allen, James B., 1852.	Jackson, P. T., 1864.
APPLETON, THOMAS G., 1852, 1854-5.	Keith, James M., 1868-9.
Barnes, Joseph H., 1871.	Lawrence, James, 1852.
BIGELOW, JOHN P., 1852 to 1868.	LEWIS, WESTON, 1867 to 1872.
BOWDITCH, HENRY I., 1865-6.	LEWIS, WINSLOW, 1867.
Bradlee, John T., 1869.	Little, Samuel, 1871-2.
Bradt, Herman D., 1872.	Messenger, George W., 1855.
BRAMAN, JARVIS D., 1868 to 1871.	MORTON, ELLIS W., 1870 to 1872.
Brown, J. C. J., 1861.	Munroe, A. B., 1854
Carpenter, George O., 1870.	Newton, Jeremiah L., 1867.
Clapp, William W., jr., 1864-5.	Niles, Stephen R., 1870.
Crane, Samuel D., 1860.	Pease, Frederic, 1872.
Dennie, George, 1858-9.	Perry, Lyman, 1852.
Dickinson, M. F., jr., 1871.	Plummer, Farnham, 1856.
Drake, Henry A., 1863.	PUTNAM, GEORGE, 1868 to 1872.
Erving, Edward S., 1852.	Reed, Sampson, 1852-3.
EVERETT, EDWARD, 1852 to 1864.	Sanger, George P., 1860.
Frost, Oliver, 1856-7.	Sears, Philip H., 1859.
Gaffield, Thomas, 1867.	Seaver, Benjamin, 1852.
GREEN, SAMUEL A., 1868 to 1872.	SHURTLEFF, NATHANIEL B., 1852 to
GREENOUGH, WILLIAM W., 1856 to	1867.
1872.	Story, Joseph, 1855, 1865-6.
Harris, William G., 1869.	TICKNOR, GEORGE, 1852 to 1866.
Haynes, Henry W., 1858.	Tyler, John S., 1863, 1866.
HILLARD, GEORGE S., 1872.	Warren, George W., 1852 to 1854.
Ingalls, Melville E., 1870.	Washburn, F. L., 1857.

WHIPPLE, EDWIN P., 1867 to 1869.

Whitney, Daniel H., 1862.

Wilson, Elisha T., 1861-2.

Wilson, George, 1852.

WINSOR, JUSTIN, 1867.

Wright, Albert J., 1868.

Whole number, 56; citizens at large in small capitals, two of whom, Jarvis D. Braman and Weston Lewis, have also represented the City Council.

APPENDIX XXV.

THE FELLOWES ATHENÆUM AND ROXBURY BRANCH.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:—

Gentlemen,—Under the will of the late Caleb Fellowes, the undersigned were invested with a trust, whose purpose is to establish a library, and erect a building for it, within half a mile of the Rev. Dr. Putnam's church. The will provides that forty thousand dollars shall be spent in the purchase of land and in the erection of the said building. The available fund now amounts to about fifty-four thousand dollars, and the excess over that appropriated for the land and building we are required to invest as a fund, the income of which shall be available for the purchase of books; and to this will be added, when the building is completed, a further sum of about thirty thousand dollars, which will then be paid to us by the executors under the will of the late Mrs. Fellowes.

We deem it for the interest of all concerned that the advantages of these funds shall be joined with such others as may accrue from the provisions to be made for the benefit of the District of Roxbury, in the way of a Branch of the Public Library.

To that end we respectfully request that we may be allowed a hearing before the appropriate committee of the City Council; and further request that the Trustees of the Public Library be invited to attend.

In behalf of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum,

GEORGE PUTNAM,
President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, December 26, 1871.

The Committee on the Public Library, to whom was referred the foregoing communication from the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, having carefully considered the subject, would respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

For the Committee,

GEORGE D. RICKER,
Chairman pro tem.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to sign, seal, and deliver the Indenture (a copy of which is appended hereto) between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum in Roxbury, for joint action in the establishment of a Branch Public Library, for the territory now comprising Wards 13, 14 and 15.

This Indenture between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum in Roxbury, a corporation duly created by law, witnesseth: —

That, whereas the said trustees hold certain funds under the will of Caleb Fellowes, late of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, deceased, in trust, to lay out and expend forty thousand dollars upon land, and a building to be erected thereon, within half a mile of the meeting-house of the first religious society in Roxbury, to be used for an Athenæum for literary and instructive purposes for the benefit and pleasure of the inhabitants of said Roxbury and of other worthy persons who may visit that city:

And in further trust, to keep the remainder of said sum over and above said forty thousand dollars, constantly and safely invested, and to expend the income thereof, half-yearly forever, in purchasing and supplying books and periodical works for the said Athenæum.

And whereas it is expedient that the City of Boston should establish in that part of said city called Roxbury, and formerly the City of Roxbury, a Branch of its Public Library:

And whereas, the said city and the said trustees can accomplish the purposes of said Athenæum and of said Public Library more effectually in conjunction than separately, and have accordingly agreed upon a method of co-operation so as to bring about a union of the resources of the two institutions:

And whereas, in order to furnish the needful accommodations for the united institutions, it may be necessary for the said trustees to expend somewhat more than forty thousand dollars upon land and building, and in that case they will be obliged to treat the surplus as an investment of which the income is to be applied for the purchase of books as aforesaid:

And whereas, upon the completion of said building, the said

trustees will become entitled to a further sum under the will of Sarah Fellowes, upon trust, to be applied to the purchase of such books and periodicals as the said trustees may from time to time deem best to be placed in said Athenæum, as the property thereof:

Now, therefore, it is agreed between the parties hereto as follows, viz. :—

The said trustees shall proceed as soon as may be to erect a building which shall contain suitable accommodations for a Branch Public Library of the City of Boston as well as for said Athenæum.

As soon as said building shall be ready for occupancy, the said city shall appropriate towards a Branch Public Library, for the territory now comprising Wards 13, 14 and 15, as large a sum of money as has been, or shall be, appropriated for outfit and maintenance to any other Branch Library in said city, and the said city shall pay for the rental of said building the sum of sixteen hundred dollars per annum, which shall be paid annually to the said trustees, to be laid out by them, after paying insurance, repairs, etc., in the purchase of books and periodicals, to be the property of said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum in Roxbury, and their successors in said trust.

The rest of said appropriation shall be expended in the purchase of books and the administration and management of the joint institutions by the Trustees of the Public Library.

All books and periodicals purchased by the said Trustees of the Athenæum from any of the funds in their hands for the purchase of books as aforesaid, shall be put in charge of the custodians of the said Branch Public Library, being first distinctly marked as the property of said Trustees, and shall be subject to the direction of the Trustees of the Public Library, as to custody, care, and arrangement within the said building, and shall be open to the public for reading and circulation under such regulations as the said Trustees of the Public Library may, with the consent of the said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, from time to time establish.

This contract shall be terminable by either party, at any time, upon giving six months' notice to the other party, and, upon its termination, the books shall belong to the party which shall have purchased them, or to whom they have been given; the furniture, shelving, and all other movable property, which shall have been purchased by the city, shall belong to the said city; and the property

which shall have been fixed to the real estate, and any furniture which may have been purchased by the said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, shall belong to the said Trustees.

A suitable room shall be provided by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, in the building to be erected by them, and furnished by the city, for the joint use of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum and the Trustees of the Public Library.

It is further agreed that all questions of detail of management, not herein provided for, shall be settled in conjunction by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum and of the Public Library.

The above order was passed by the City Council, Dec. 30, 1871. The Indenture was on the 29th of January, 1872, signed by William Gaston, Mayor, in behalf of the City of Boston; and, under authority given, January 22d, 1872, by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, it was signed in their behalf by their President, George Putnam.

This was again modified by the following agreement, which was executed in consequence of an order of the City Council, authorizing the Mayor to sign such a supplemental indenture as may be approved by the Trustees of the Public Library:—

This INDENTURE, made this twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, in Roxbury, a corporation duly created by law,

Witnesseth:—

That the contract entered into by the said parties by an Indenture, duly executed, dated the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, shall be and hereby is changed and altered by striking out and expunging from the said Indenture the words "with the consent of the said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum," in the paragraph relating to the custody, care, arrangement, reading and circulation of books and periodicals purchased by said trustees; and also by striking out and expunging the paragraph in said Indenture which is in the follow-

ing words, viz., "A suitable room shall be provided by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, in the building to be erected by them and furnished by the city for the joint use of the Trustees of Fellowes Athenæum, and the Trustees of the Public Library"—and the said Indenture shall be construed for all purposes as though the words and provisions, hereby agreed to be stricken out and expunged, had not been inserted therein.

In witness whereof the said parties have caused their seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by William Gaston, Mayor of said City, and George Putnam, President of said Trustees, respectively, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF BOSTON,

By WILLIAM GASTON, MAYOR. [Seal.]

In presence of
JAMES R. CARRET.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE FELLOWES ATHENÆUM,
by GEORGE PUTNAM, PRES'T.

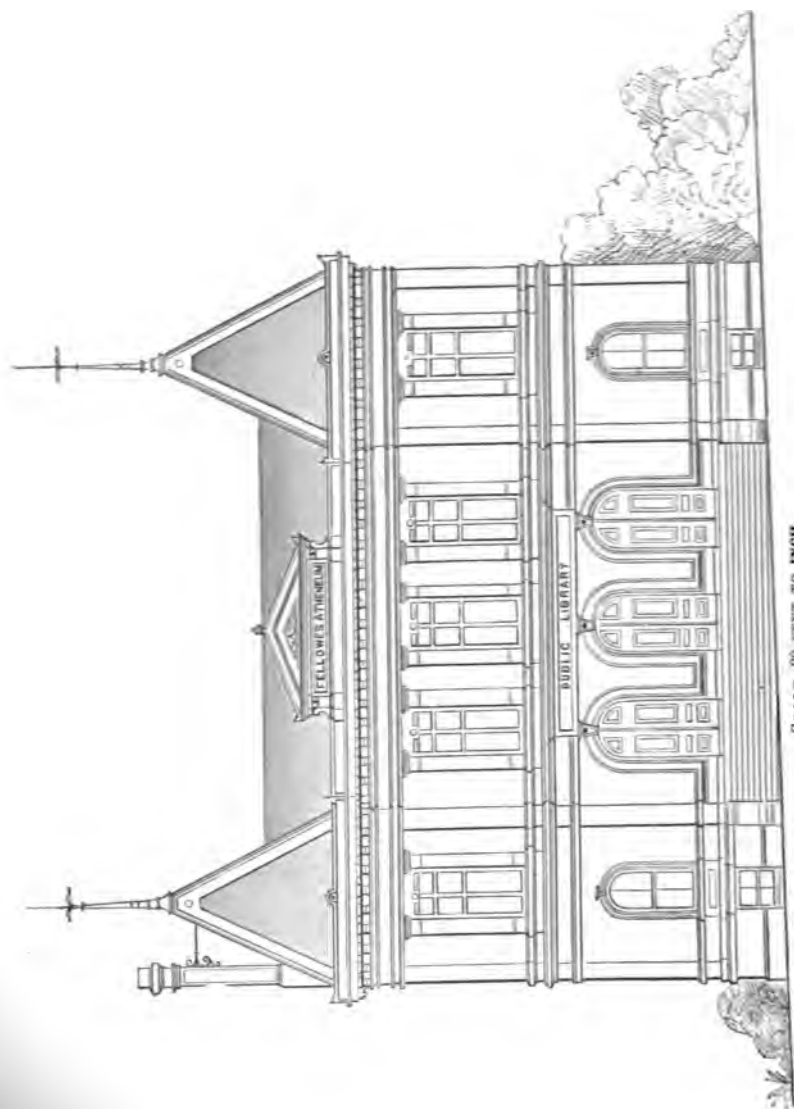
Approved, by vote of the Trustees of the Public Library.

W. W. GREENOUGH,
PRES'T OF THE BOARD.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANS

of the building for the joint use of the Roxbury Branch of the Public Library and the Fellowes Athenæum, as drawn by N. J. Bradlee and W. J. Winslow, architects. The building is situated on Bartlett street, near Shawmut avenue.

Library Room. The bottom of the windows are eight feet from the floor, so that a range of shelving runs round the entire wall, broken only by the doorways. This shelving, not above reach of hand, will hold not far from 15,000 volumes. Twenty cases, or, without over-crowding, twenty-two cases, each nine feet long, double-faced, holding about 1,750 volumes each, and not over eight

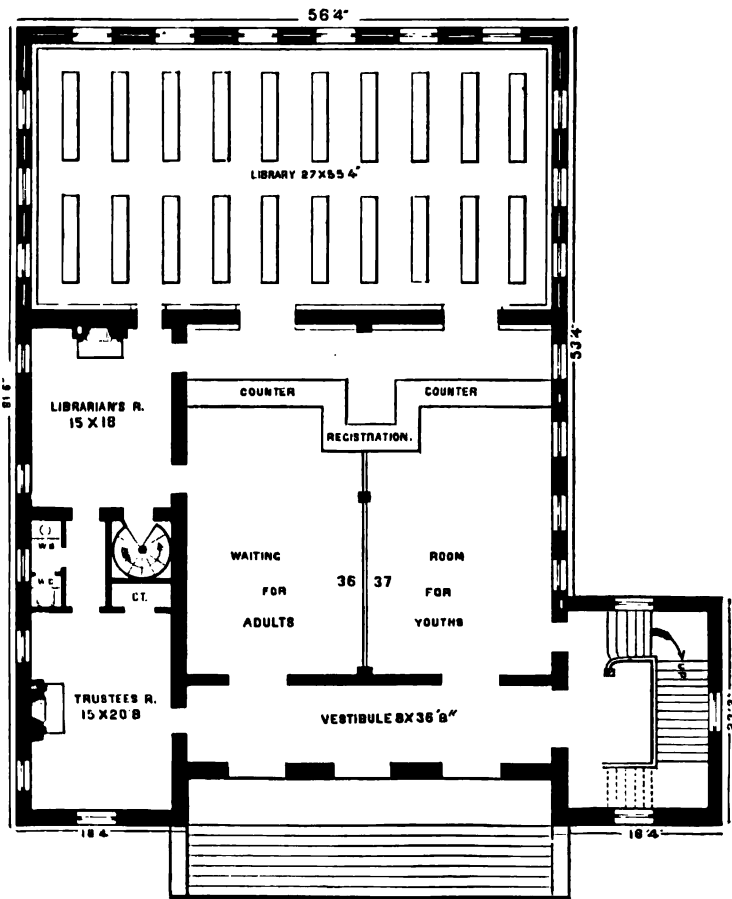


SCALE, 20 FEET TO INCH.

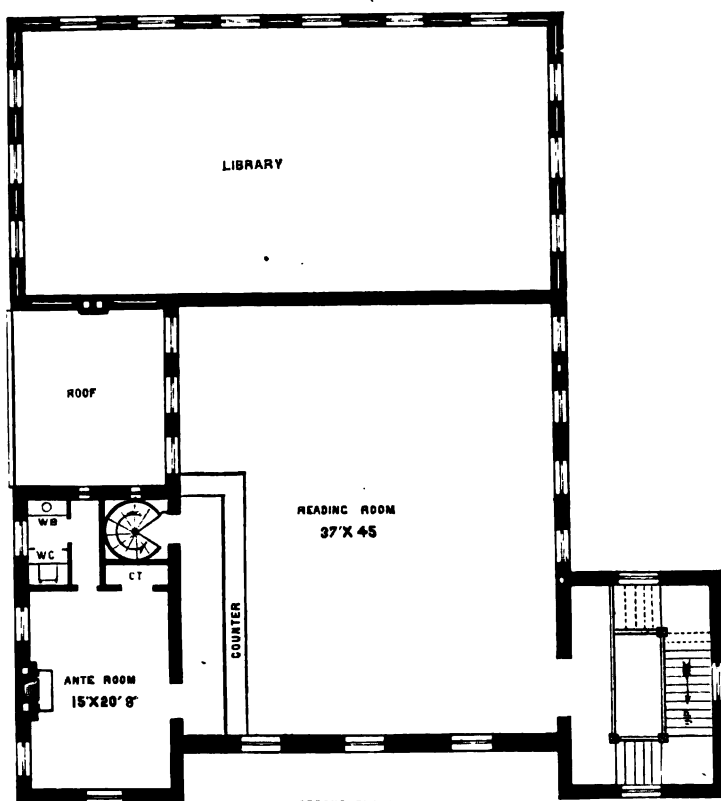
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FIRST FLOOR
SCALE, 20 FEET TO INCH.



SECOND FLOOR.
SCALE, 20 FEET TO INCH.

feet high, will provide for about 35,000 volumes, making the capacity of the floor about 50,000 volumes. The altitude of the room renders it possible, when required, largely to increase its capacity, by galleries or intermediary floors.

Waiting-room. This is divided by a rail into apartments for adults and youths, and while but one record of borrowers is kept, the books can be delivered over either end of the counter to visitors on either side of the rail. The wall space back of the counter is to be shelved for the books most often in demand.

Reading-room. Public access to this is had by the staircase in the tower, but the official access is by the winding staircase connecting the space behind the counter with the Librarian's room. The rear wall has windows (not shown in the plan), through which the public can have oversight of the main library floor. The ante-room over the Trustees' room can be used for storing the accumulating numbers of periodicals before binding, and as a writing room for students, and for the showing of illustrated works.

NOTE. — Since the above was written, the Metropolitan Horse Railroad Company, having purchased the land bounding the Library lot on all sides except the street side, and purposing to erect stables thereon, the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum have deemed it advisable to sell to the same corporation the lot on which the building was in progress. Another lot has not at this date [Aug. 10] been secured.

APPENDIX XXVI.

PAPERS CONCERNING GREUZE'S FRANKLIN.

BOSTON, MARCH 7, 1872.

To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston:—

GENTLEMEN,— It having been announced that you are desirous of forming a collection of books and other objects connected with the history of Benjamin Franklin, it has occurred to me that such a collection would be the most fitting repository for a valuable original portrait of him, by Greuze, which I possess.

This portrait I purchased some years since, in London. It was painted for Mr. Oswald, British Ambassador to France, who was associated with Franklin in the negotiation of the Provisional Articles of Nov. 30, 1872, acknowledging the Independence of the United States. The gentleman of whom I bought it, Mr. Joseph Parkes, an eminent lawyer, and well known in London for his literary ability, received it from the late Mr. Oswald, M. P. for Glasgow, and grand-nephew of the ambassador, in consideration of valuable legal services rendered.

I take pleasure in offering this portrait to the Public Library, with the single condition that it always shall be kept in the Library, and where it can be freely seen by visitors. If you decide to accept it on these terms, I shall be happy to place it in your charge.

I enclose an interesting paper written by the Hon. Charles Sumner, together with some other documents, relating to the portrait, all of which are at the service of the Library, if you wish to preserve them on file as evidence of its authenticity.

Respectfully yours,

GARDNER BREWER.

MEMORANDA

By the Hon. Charles Sumner.

I first saw Mr. Brewer's portrait of Franklin, in the summer of 1857, in London, at the house of a valued friend, the late Joseph Parkes, Esq., then living in Saville Row. In the summer of 1859 I saw it again at the house of Mr. Parkes, who had removed to Wimpole street.

I was interested in the portrait, and Mr. Parkes took pleasure in speaking of it. He called it "a Greuze," and said that it had always been so regarded in the family from which it came. He had received it, in consideration of certain services, from the grand-nephew of Mr. Oswald, who negotiated with Franklin the Provisional Articles of Nov. 30th, 1782, acknowledging the Independence of the United States. Mr. Parkes thought it had been given by Franklin to his brother negotiator, in whose family it was known as "An ambassador's portrait."

The position and character of Mr. Oswald appear in the contemporary correspondence, especially of Franklin and John Adams. He was introduced to the former by the Earl of Shelburne, Prime Minister of England, in a letter dated April 6, 1782, where it is said : —

"I have had a high opinion of the compass of your mind and of your foresight. I have often been beholden to both, and shall be glad to be so again, so far as is compatible with your situation. Your letter discovering the same disposition has made me send to you Mr. Oswald. I have had a longer acquaintance with him than ever I have had the pleasure to have with you. I believe him an honest man, and after consulting some of our common friends, I have thought him the fittest for the purpose. He is a pacifical man and conversant in those negotiations which are most interesting to mankind. This has made me prefer him to any of our speculative friends, or to any person of higher rank. He is fully apprized of my mind and you may give full credit to everything he assures you of." (Franklin's Works by Sparks, Vol IX., pp. 240, 241.)

Franklin, in a letter dated April 18, 1782, reported to the Earl of Shelburne his impression of Mr. Oswald, as follows : —

"I have conversed a good deal with Mr. Oswald, and am much pleased with him. He appears to me a wise and honest man." (Ibid. p. 245.)

John Adams in writing to Secretary Livingston, of the Continental Congress, under date of Nov. 6, 1782, said:—

"The English have sent Mr. Oswald, who is a wise and good man, and if untrammelled would soon settle all." (John Adams's Works, Vol. VII., p. 600.)

At the negotiation of the definitive Treaty of Peace of Sept. 3, 1783, Mr. Hartley was substituted for Mr. Oswald, on which John Adams remarks, in a letter to Secretary Livingston, under date of April 14, 1783:—

"It would have been more agreeable to have finished with Mr. Oswald. But the present Ministry are so dissatisfied with what is past, as they say, though nobody believes them, that they choose to change hands." (Ibid., Vol. VIII., p. 54.)

I remember to have heard Sir Charles R. Vaughan, British Minister at Washington many years ago, say, that on his return to London, and finding the dissatisfaction with his course, Mr. Oswald burst into tears. It is hardly possible that he did anything without the sanction of the Ministry; but it was probably convenient to allow the burden to fall on him.

From this statement it is easy to see how natural it would be for Mr. Oswald to have a portrait of Franklin.

Mr. Parkes, into whose hands it passed from the family of Mr. Oswald, and from whom it came to Mr. Brewer, was a remarkable person, extensively known in London, full of information, fond of pictures, much interested in our country, with an excellent American library, and with an American wife, born in Pennsylvania, and grand-daughter of Priestley. He is known as author of the unfinished memoirs of Sir Philip Francis, completed by Mr. Merivale, and also early in life of a volume on the History of the Court of Chancery, which Brougham complimented highly in his famous speech on Law Reform, Feb. 7, 1828.

I am sure that Mr. Parkes had entire confidence in this portrait, as painted by Greuze, and belonging originally to Mr. Oswald.

CHARLES SUMNER.

WASHINGTON, 6th Aug., '71.

APPENDIX XXVII.

THE BEQUEST OF DANIEL TREADWELL.

Extract from the will dated Nov. 7, 1863.

In the ninth place, all the residue of my estate, both real and personal, I give, devise and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, to have and to hold the same to them and their heirs successors and assigns forever, but in trust nevertheless for the following uses and purposes, viz.: to pay over all the net income thereof to my wife during her life for her own use and benefit; and if at any time my said Trustees shall not deem the net income thereof sufficient for a suitable allowance for her, they may make such further allowance to her from the principal of the said residue of my estate, as shall seem to them proper and expedient. At the decease of my wife, or as soon thereafter as shall be found convenient and desirable, my said Trustees shall divide the residue of my estate then remaining in their hands, into five equal parts, and pay over and transfer one of the said fifth parts to the President and Fellows of Harvard College for the use of the College Library; and transfer and pay over one of the said fifth parts to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and transfer and pay over one of the said fifth parts to the Boston Athênæum; and transfer and pay over one of the said fifth parts to the Trustees of the Boston Library; and transfer and pay over the remaining one-fifth part thereof to the town of Ipswich aforesaid, for the Library above provided for.

Extract from a codicil, dated 25th March, 1864.

I hereby declare that it was my intention by the said Will, to give one fifth part of the residue of my estate after the decease of my wife, and as more particularly set forth in the said Will, for the use and benefit of "the Public Library of the City of Boston," now located in Boylston street in the said City, and it is according-

ly my will that where the words " Trustees of the Boston Library" occur on the fourth page of my said Will, the words " Public Library of the City of Boston" shall be substituted therefor; and that where the same words occur on the fifth page of my said Will the words " Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston" shall be substituted therefor, and my will carried into effect accordingly by my Executors therein named.

Extract from the Records of the Trustees.

IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Apr. 11, 1872.

The President presented a copy of the will of the late Daniel Treadwell, under which the Library, on the death of his widow, it was thought, would come into the possession of almost \$12,000. The President was requested to notify the City Council of the fact, and to address an acknowledgment to the Executors.

The Committee on the Library of the City Council reported to that body the following order, which was passed and approved by the Mayor, May 17, 1872.

Ordered, That the bequest to the Public Library of the City of Boston, named in the ninth article of the will of Daniel Treadwell of Cambridge, Engineer and late Rumford Professor in Harvard College, be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the Trustees of the Library be authorized to receive said bequest when it becomes due; and invest the amount received in bonds of said city, and expend the income in such manner as they may deem for the best interests of the Library.

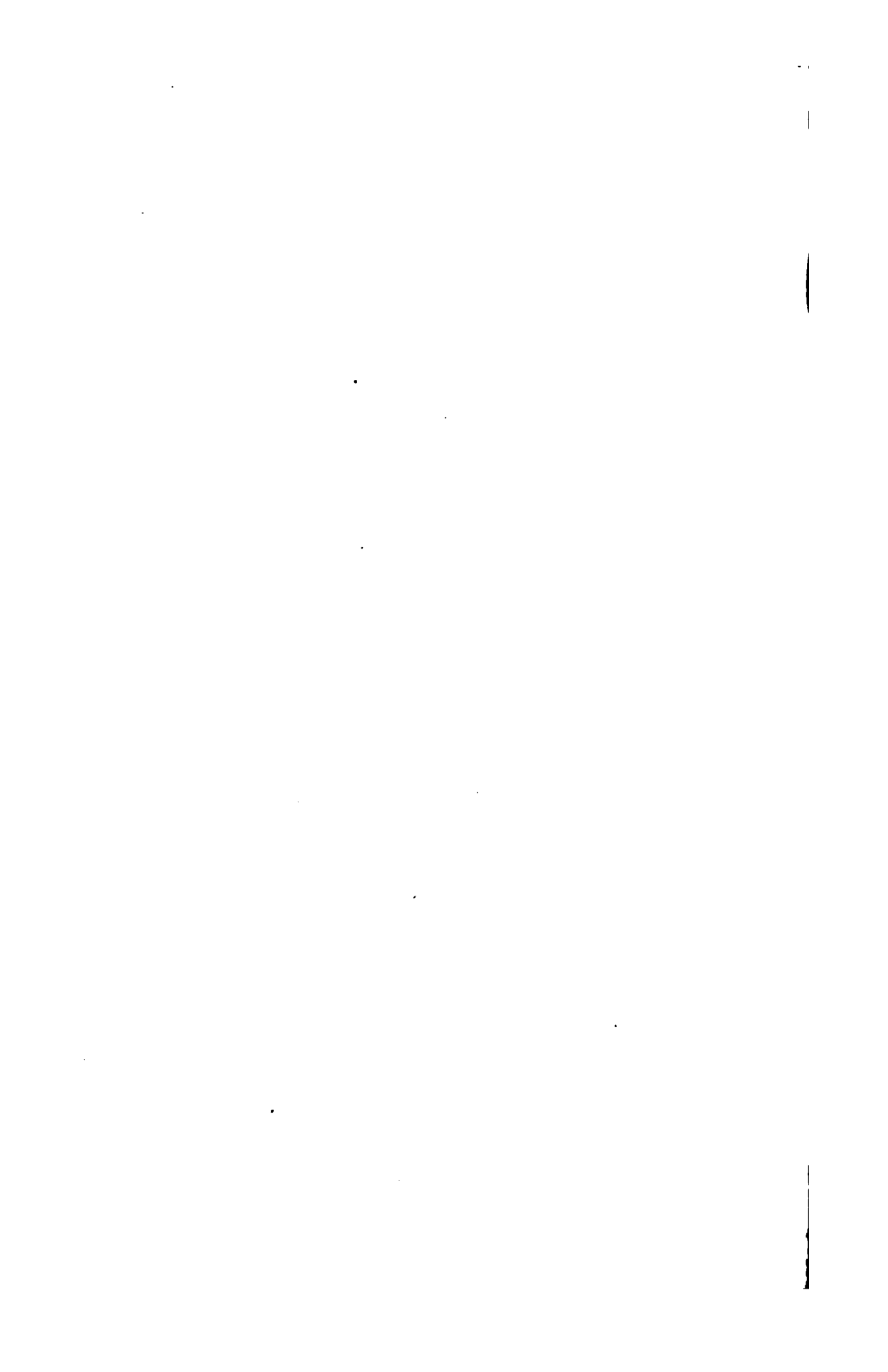
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to make a suitable acknowledgment of this generous contribution to the funds of the Library by the late Professor Treadwell, whose distinguished services in the application of science to the useful arts, have given him a high position among public benefactors.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

June 12, 1872.

Ordered, That the action of the City Council in relation to the Treadwell bequest be communicated to the Executors of the estate, as supplemental to the resolutions of gratitude already passed by the Board, and communicated in due course to said Executors.





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CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 25, 1873.

His Honor, Henry L. Pierce, Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR, — I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In conformity with the requirements of the fourth section of an Ordinance concerning the Public Library, passed September 21, 1869, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Twenty-first Annual

REPORT,

being the fourth made under the new ordinance, and including the results of administration for the last year, in which the Library was opened for the uses of book-borrowers three hundred and eight days, and the Reading Rooms of the Central Library and its Branches for the perusal of periodicals and books of reference therein contained, including twelve Sundays, three hundred and twenty days.

The reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent are herewith appended.

The members of the Committee for the present year were the Hon. Benjamin Dean, Eben D. Jordan, Esq., Charles C. Smith, Esq., Rev. George H. Vibbert, Henry A. Whitney, Esq., with the Hon. George S. Hillard, of the Board of Trustees, as Chairman. This independent examination has been carefully made. The recommendations relative to an adequate protection from fire of the invaluable property belonging to the city contained within the walls of the Boylston street building will, it is hoped, receive the attention which the importance of the subject deserves. Further reference

will be made to this point. Their judgment also in respect to the defective arrangements of the building for many of the purposes for which it was designed, and which the increasing uses of the Library render every day more evident, enforces the previously expressed opinions of the Trustees as contained in former reports. In possessing themselves of the facts of administration as comprised in the tables and report of the Superintendent, and by personal inspection of the working of the Central Library as well as of the Branches, they have obtained a clear understanding of the management and usefulness of the whole institution, of which, including the two Branches, the examination is now first made. Successive annual examinations, as provided by the ordinance, of committees selected at large from our citizens, ensure to the public unbiassed opinions upon the condition of the foundation and upon its manifold relations to the public. Suggestions from this source, in the present as in former years, are of large interest and importance.

With the increasing magnitude of the libraries, and the new experiences called forth by the Branches, the reports of the Superintendent increase annually in detail and in value. No one can properly understand or appreciate the careful oversight and the minute analysis of all the points of administration which ought to be known not only to the community, but to every similar organization, without a careful scrutiny of his tabular statements. The duties and responsibilities of this devoted official increase from year to year. With the additional charge of the Roxbury Library, to be opened during the next month, and with the possibly impending annexation of neighboring towns and cities containing other libraries to be placed under the control of this Board, all executive labor will be proportionately magnified.

Recurring to the condition of the building, and to the inadequate accommodation, not only for the public, but also for the administrative necessities of the Library, it is hoped and

anticipated that some relief may be obtained, at no distant day, by the adaptation to the Library's service of the estate purchased for that purpose by the city, in the spring of 1872. Want of room for the public curtails the circulation of the Lower Hall, and diminishes attendance at the Reading Room. No satisfactory plans have yet been formed for the construction upon this site of a new edifice to be attached to the main building, which should meet any considerable portion of our present and future requirements. When the City Government are of the opinion that the financial condition of the city will authorize a sufficient appropriation for the purpose, the Trustees will endeavor to present suitable designs.

Upon the other point, of sufficient protection against fire, the Trustees feel sensitively the dangers so strongly set forth in the reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent. The removal of the wooden sky-lights upon the roof of the building, and the substitution of fire-proof coverings in their places, is now going forward, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Everything should be done which skill or ingenuity can dictate to render the building safe from outward or internal conflagration. The Library now contains a large number of works, which if lost could never be replaced. The institution could never again rise from its ashes to the wealth of its present possessions. There must be no mistake or misunderstanding on this point. It is the duty both of the City Government and of the Trustees to see that everything practicable is done to insure the permanent safety of this inestimable property.

The operations of the past year and the present condition of the Library are briefly as follows. The whole number of volumes at present contained in the Libraries, parent and branches, are 209,456, of which 149,477 are in the Bates Hall. The remainder is to be found in the circulating libraries of the Lower Hall in Boylston street, the East Boston, South Boston, and Roxbury Branches. The increase of the Library

during the year has been 14,644 volumes. The whole number of pamphlets is now 112,153, of which 11,770 have been added during the year. The total circulation has been 467,855, being a daily average of 1,519 for home use. The figures from the Branches are most encouraging. While East Boston shows a circulation of 67,754, from a library of 7,291 volumes, South Boston gives a circulation of 102,322 for 5,174 volumes. The total number of names registered as applicants for the Library privileges are 53,043; of these 1,592 have had cards refused, principally for the reasons of non-residency or under age, and 3,626 have not taken their cards. 177,512 readers frequented the Periodical Reading Room of the Central Library, who read 213,599 magazines. The total number of books loaned and not returned has been between 60 and 70. Most of these were taken from the Lower Hall in Boylston street, and a portion of them may possibly be recovered. The average loss on these figures is one volume in every 7,000 or more loans. The total expenditure from the city appropriations was \$86,498.01, and \$1,681.79 was paid into the City Treasury from fines and sales of catalogues. Other important results will be found in the tables attached to the Superintendent's Report.

The most striking novelty in the administration of the Library has been the opening of its Periodical Reading Rooms on Sunday, at the request of the City Council. The event is too recent to admit of any decisive conclusions. There is not yet occasion for discouragement nor greatly marked features of encouragement for the enterprise. The best indications are to be found in the increasing attendance of adults, and in the presence of a considerable number of people who seldom or never came to the rooms on week days. It was for this latter class specially that the rooms were opened. Another year's trial will enable the Trustees to gauge their results more accurately, and to determine whether the advantages are in due proportion to the expense.

It is most gratifying to find that the establishment of our Branches, as is also the experience of the large English cities, is more successful than could have been possibly anticipated. With the new Branch shortly to be inaugurated in Roxbury in connection with the Fellowes Athenæum, quite as favorable figures may be expected. This Library will at the outset possess superior advantages in having a considerable fund to be annually expended in books of permanent value, all of which, except works of reference, will be used in circulation, bringing as it were a considerable portion of the more valuable modern books, published both here and in England, such as form part of the Bates Hall collection, directly at hand to the residents of the Highland District. In view of the formation of these smaller libraries it is naturally found that convenience of access creates circulation of books where none existed before.

Like the great European Libraries, our institution finds continued embarrassment in any catalogue system. We have long passed the period when it was possible to print in one alphabet, upon any intelligible system, the titles of all the books contained in our Libraries. Such an undertaking would be enormously expensive, and when concluded at the end of five or ten years, the continual additions during that period would require the whole work to be done over again.

The expedients which have been adopted in place of this system are well known to the frequenters of the Library. The card catalogues in the Bates Hall accessible to the public, with the bulletins and class lists, afford the needed information, and the Hand-book prepared by the Superintendent for the use of borrowers, indicates to every reader, how and where he may find what he wants, provided it is upon the shelves of the institution.

The donations to the Library have been continued by its friends during the present year, with the same liberality as before. The report of the Examining Committee shows how

largely it has been indebted since its foundation to the sympathetic generosity of special benefactors and the public at large. Probably no other Library in the world has received so many benefactions from so many different sources as this. In this matter the Trustees would be deeply ungrateful if they felt any distrust in the future.

The most important event of the year has been the acquisition of the Barton Library, for which the negotiations were completed just previous to its close. An account of the volumes acquired, which did not come to the Library until after the beginning of the new library year, will find an appropriate place in the next Report of the Trustees. It is sufficient to say now that it is the most intrinsically valuable addition yet made to the Library, and that it has placed the institution in a position which will render it still more invaluable and indispensable to every cultivator of elegant letters in the country. From the initial correspondence to the final termination of the purchase, Mrs. Cora Livingston Barton, the widow of Thomas P. Barton, the collector of the Library, conducted herself with a liberality founded on generous impulses and a large cultivation. For the purpose of fulfilling the expressed wishes of Mr. Barton, and of keeping the Library together as one collection, and in placing it within the means of our institution, she undoubtedly made a large pecuniary sacrifice. In her sudden death the Trustees experienced a sense of personal loss. Indeed, the whole transaction was as creditable to her as it was advantageous to the city. It is most gratifying to the Trustees to place upon record their acknowledgment of the intelligence and public spirit of the City Government, which so promptly and decisively secured this magnificent acquisition.*

In Appendix No. 23 will be found an enumeration of the employés of the institution, from which some idea may be

* See Appendix for further details.

gained of the multifarious work carried on in the Central Library and its Branches. Great activity is necessary in order to keep pace with the daily requirements of its service. The books as purchased and obtained must be as rapidly as possible collated, classified, shelved, catalogued, and made ready for use. The Library has been fortunate in securing the services of so many accomplished and skilful assistants, both male and female. In fact, there is no position in the world where a large knowledge of language and literature, with systematic habits of application is of more value than in the administration of a great Library.

In an educational point of view it is no exaggeration to say that the largest expectations of the founders of the Library have been more than fulfilled. The liberality of the City Government, and the intelligent generosity of private benefactors have established a store of learning and knowledge which has substantially supplemented, as well as strengthened and developed, most forms of progress known to modern civilization. It has attracted to itself the sympathetic aid and frequent use, not only of the so-called professions, but also of other laborers in science and art, whether engaged in the duties of instruction, or in the practical application of their accomplishments to the daily wants of life. But beyond this the increase of the Library has received a vigorous impulse from the specialists, who have confined themselves to narrower fields of work, the outgrowth of some larger classification. Although all departments are not filled in the same proportion, continuous attention will be paid till such a result shall be measurably obtained. It has placed within reach of our schools and colleges knowledge beyond the instruction of teachers; it has assisted in forming a taste for reading and for culture among many to whom the chances of life had previously denied such an opportunity. Few should be the homes in the City of Boston which should

not have experienced its tangible benefits, and whose inmates have not reason to bless the intelligence which renders its existence a public necessity.

WILLIAM W. GREENOUGH,
G. S. HILLARD,
GEORGE PUTNAM,
WESTON LEWIS,
SAMUEL A. GREEN,
DANIEL S. CURTIS,
JOHN T. CLARK,
W. E. PERKINS,
CHARLES A. BURDITT.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, 24th June, 1873.

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REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the sixth section of an Ordinance in relation to the Public Library, "to examine the condition of the Library and report to the Trustees," have made an examination of the Central Library, and the Branches at East Boston and South Boston, and of the building erected for the use of the Roxbury Branch, and respectfully submit the results of their investigation.

In examining the several buildings, the Committee have regarded it as their first duty to ascertain how far the buildings have been made fire-proof, and whether any alterations are needed to provide further security to the books against injury by fire or water. At the present time the pecuniary value of the books in the Central Library alone cannot be estimated at less than half a million of dollars; but this sum very imperfectly represents the loss which would be sustained by the destruction of the Library. To give but a single illustration: the Prince Library, which was deposited with the Trustees in 1866, contains about 1,900 volumes, and is of inestimable value to the student of American history; but so rare are many of the volumes that probably no amount of money would enable the Trustees to duplicate them. This is true also of portions of other collections which have from time to time been given to the city. Their loss would be irreparable, and without them any one wishing to prosecute

thorough and exact inquiries in history or science would have to go elsewhere for his most important materials.

In view of the new light which recent experience has thrown on the combustible character of buildings heretofore regarded as fire-proof, the Committee are unanimously of opinion that the Central Library is not adequately protected against fire, and that immediate attention ought to be given to this matter. The special arrangements which they recommend are the following:—

1. That the common glass sky-lights in the roof should be replaced by Hyatt lights, or by heavy rough glass set in an iron frame and protected by a raised wire netting.
2. That the central lantern should be provided with heavy iron shutters, to be closed from the outside.
3. That double iron shutters, with a water or air chamber between the inner and outer part, should be placed on all the windows opening toward Tremont street.
4. That the present water-pipes should be extended to the top of the building, so that a hand-hose can be attached and used for wetting the roof.
5. That suitable apparatus should be placed on the outside of the building, both in front and rear, for rapidly hoisting hose to the roof in case of any large fire in the neighborhood.

The building erected for the use of the Roxbury Branch is the property of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum. The estate on which it stands is bounded on three sides by public streets, and beside this advantage it is so far from other buildings that no anxiety need be felt at present for its safety. The Committee are glad to add that it is a model of convenient arrangement, and is well worth the examination of persons interested in town libraries. Built at a moderate cost, it makes no pretension to architectural beauty, but is admirably adapted to the use for which it was designed. At

a small additional expense it can be shelved to contain about 100,000 volumes.

The South Boston Branch is located in the second story of a stone and brick building at the corner of Broadway and E street. There are no iron shutters on the building, and on two sides it is exposed to danger from fire communicating from the adjacent buildings. But as the Library is only one of several tenants, and the collection at the present time numbers little more than 5,000 volumes, which could be duplicated at a comparatively small cost, the Committee do not recommend any further expenditure by the City Government, until the wants of the Branch shall justify the erection of a building specially devoted to its use.

A similar remark will apply to the East Boston Branch, which occupies a part of the old Lyman School-house, in Meridian street. It is, however, less exposed to danger from fire than the South Boston Branch; and as the city owns the land and building, suitable accommodations can readily be provided whenever the increase of the Library shall render a reconstruction of the building desirable.

The Committee regard the establishment of these Branches with great favor, as adding largely to the usefulness of the Library. They not only contain books of a similar character to those in the Lower Hall in Boylston street, but by means of the daily communication which has been established with the Central Library, books from either of its departments can be obtained by application at the Branch.

The report of every Examining Committee since 1864 has referred with more or less of detail to the defects of the plan adopted in the erection of the building in Boylston street. This Committee have likewise been impressed by these defects, which even the large capacity for organization, and the great executive ability of the present Superintendent have not been able to overcome. The extensive alterations made within the last two years have nearly doubled the shelf-room,

both in the Lower Hall and in the Bates Hall, and have provided improved, though still inadequate accommodations for some of the employés connected with the former. But in other respects the work of the Library is carried on under great and increasing disadvantages, which can be remedied only by an enlargement of the building. Much of the unpacking, collating, cataloguing, and marking is now performed in the galleries and alcoves, and in the south-eastern tower, used also as a stairway. The rooms for the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent are so cramped and crowded with the necessary furniture and books of reference as greatly to interfere with the discharge of their respective duties. Additional closets, wash-basins, and other conveniences for the employés, now numbering about fifty persons, are also needed. There is no room for meetings of the Trustees. The only room available for the examination of the Foreign and American Patents, which now extend to more than 2,000 volumes, and are in almost constant use, is so small that not more than two or three persons can easily consult them at the same time. The bindery, which occupies a portion of the basement, is much too small for the necessary work of the Library. The newspaper-room, which is also in the basement, is dark, damp, and badly ventilated; and no one can contrast it with the small, but convenient, newspaper-room recently fitted up by the Massachusetts Historical Society without a feeling of regret that this room is the only one in the Public Library which can be appropriated to this important use. If the public are to derive the fullest benefit from the Library, these defects, which do not fall under the notice of an occasional visitor, should be remedied at the earliest practicable opportunity.

In the judgment of the Committee, it would also be much better if separate rooms could be provided for large and valuable collections, like the recently acquired Barton Library, the Parker Library, and some others. Heretofore these collections have been placed in separate alcoves, or

distinct portions of the galleries, appropriately inscribed; and the Committee are informed that the same course will be pursued with regard to the books in the Barton Library.

The acquisition of this Library, so rich in Shakespeariana and in other departments of dramatic literature, was the great event in the history of the Public Library during the past year. As the volumes have not yet been unpacked, only a few of them have come under the examination of the Committee; but the great value of the collection has long been known through the elaborate description in Dr. Wynne's *Libraries of New York*. The Committee desire to congratulate the Trustees and the public on this important addition to the treasures of the Library.

It is a noteworthy fact that with the exception of this purchase almost the whole strength of the Library comes from the direct gift of individuals, or from the income of trust-funds specially given for this purpose. At the very outset Mr. Bates gave about 26,000 volumes; the Bowditch, Parker, Ticknor, and Prince Libraries (the last of which, however, is only deposited with the Trustees) contain 20,326 volumes; and during their lives Mr. Everett and Mr. Ticknor, by whom the original plan for the organization of the Library is understood to have been drawn up, gave 3,587 volumes and 5,673 volumes respectively, exclusive of an immense mass of pamphlets. Indeed, of the whole number of volumes in the Library at the present time, 209,456, exclusive of the Barton collection, nearly one half, 92,333 volumes, are set down as gifts. If to this number are added the volumes purchased from the income of the trust funds, it will be seen how largely the Library is indebted to private munificence. Liberal as have been the appropriations of the City Government, and they have been unstinted, even more has come from other sources. No one who has been familiar with the history of the Library from that day of small things, when it was first opened to the public in the lower floor of

the Mason street School-house, can fail to be amazed at its rapid and healthy growth. For the whole cost of its administration the Library is of course indebted to the annual appropriations of the City Government.

The volumes are all in good condition, with the exception of the usual amount of injury to the books of a more popular character which circulate from the Lower Hall and the Branch Libraries, and of a few volumes in one of the galleries of the Bates Hall, where the old bindings have been destroyed by the heat and foul air. The Committee are by no means confident that such a system of ventilation can be introduced as will obviate this evil; but the subject is one worthy of investigation.

The cataloguing has been regularly kept up, and the Accession Lists, the Shelf Lists, and the Card Catalogue are all that can be desired in those departments. Four numbers of the Library Bulletin have also been issued during the year, and have proved of much service to readers. In 1858, the Index to the Lower Hall Catalogue was issued; and this was followed, in 1861, by the Index to the Bates Hall Catalogue, and in 1866 by a Supplement to the latter. These three volumes were prepared under the direction of the late Professor Jewett, at that time Superintendent of the Library, and form a fit memorial of the bibliographical knowledge and thoroughness of research which that accomplished scholar brought to the discharge of his task. In 1870, the excellent Catalogue of the Prince Library was issued; a Catalogue of the Ticknor Library is in preparation; and by the contract for the purchase of the Barton Library, a Catalogue of that collection must be printed within four years. But the long-expected third volume of the Bates Hall Catalogue has not yet been put to press. The Committee are aware that the tendency of opinion among librarians at the present time is against the issuing of printed Catalogues; but in view of the great number of students who cannot go to the Library

every time they wish to ascertain whether it contains some book of which they have need, it is to be hoped the time will never come when the Trustees will not include within the plan of their operations the issuing of consolidated catalogues as often as the growth of the Library may require. To no better use could the City appropriations be applied; and for it the appropriations should be freely granted.

Complaint in regard to the sensational character of some of the juvenile books in the Library has come to the knowledge of the Committee; but they are not able, from their own examination, to say how far these complaints have a solid foundation. They accordingly recommend the subject to the consideration of the Trustees. They are, however, of the opinion that a closer scrutiny should be made, and a stricter rule should be observed, as to the character of books purchased for the juvenile department, than would be proper in the case of books ordered at the request of adult readers. No doubt a large part of the juvenile literature of the day is of a very unprofitable, if not pernicious, character: it does not afford healthful amusement, and it is not instructive. But it is possible to select from the immense mass of juvenile books some which are harmless, and at the same time not uninteresting to the youthful reader. That the excessive reading of works of fiction is an evil will not be denied, and in the case of school children it is a very great evil; but in their case the remedy is in the hands of parents and guardians, and not with the managers of a public library. It is not easy to see how they could frame rules to prevent the abuse of its privileges, without narrowing its scope and practically limiting its usefulness.

From records kept by the Superintendent, it appears that the number of persons who use the reading-rooms on Sunday is more than half as large as the number using them on other days; and that a very large proportion are persons who use the Library only on Sunday. No case of improper conduct

has been reported ; and no injury has been done to the buildings or the periodicals. The result of the experiment thus far has probably disappointed the expectations of those who took extreme views on one side or the other of this much-vexed question ; but the Committee regard it as highly satisfactory, and as fully justifying the increased cost of carrying on the Library.

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Boston, June 16, 1873.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

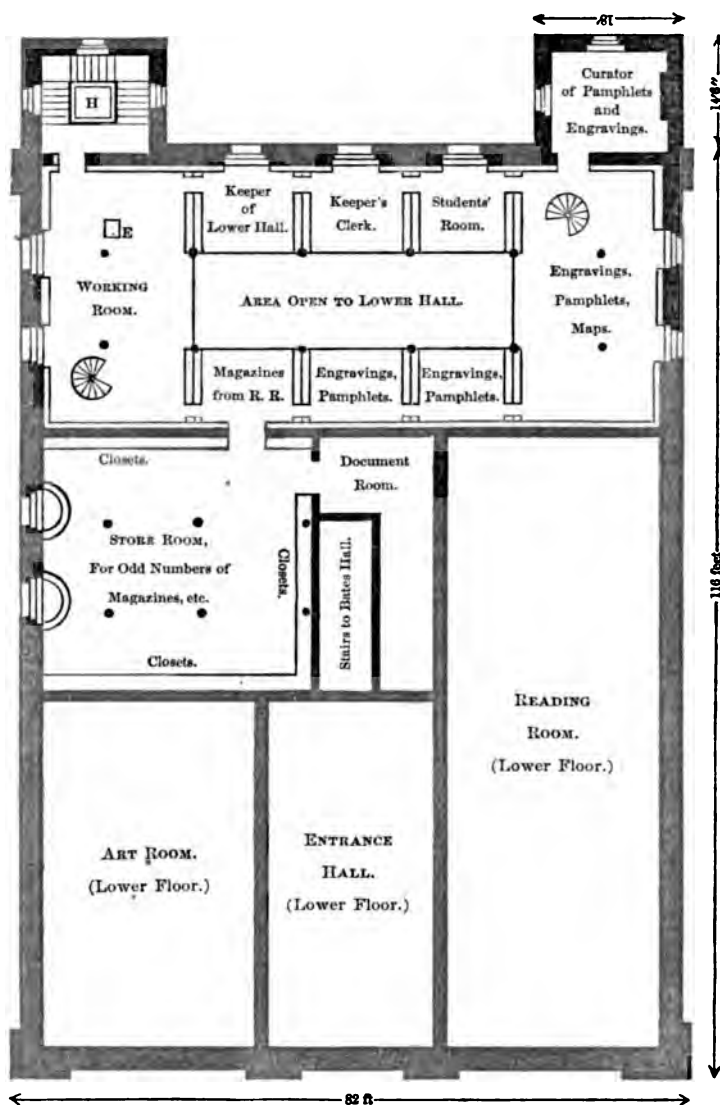
To the Trustees:—

GENTLEMEN, — I herewith present my sixth annual report, and begging to refer you to the tables in the appendix for the body of the information, which you have a right to expect, I shall touch here but a few points that need further elucidation.

THE CENTRAL BUILDING.

The alterations of the easterly alcoves of the Bates Hall, in progress at the date of the last report, were completed so that the books were restored to their places between Sept. 27th and Oct. 20th, and after some supplemental work on the western alcoves, by November 25th the circulation, in all its classifications, was resumed. The gain to the Library by these alterations was fully explained last year.

Work was begun in the Lower Hall August 18th, by erecting supplemental cases on the main floor, into which the books in the galleries were removed September 30th, when a temporary ceiling was laid over these cases, and above this, the work of cutting up the windows, and flooring the new apartments went on with little interruption to the business of the Library. The work was completed and the rooms occupied on the first of January. The annexed plan will represent clearly the new disposition of the various offices.



NEW HALF-STORY

Over the Lower Hall, connecting with the old Half-story (Store-room, etc.) over the Lower Hall Delivery Room.

E—Elevator.

H—Hoisting Apparatus.

The gain from this new arrangement is all that was expected, — a much greater rapidity of delivery of the books from one floor; and an extent and convenience of offices which were never before enjoyed.

The fire of November last led to a survey of the building, and under a decision reached not long afterwards, the roof of the building is to be made practically fire-proof. The windows of the main lantern will be protected by iron shutters; and the ordinary sky-lights over the upper alcoves will be replaced by heavier glass, with honeycomb settings. Means are also to be provided for hoisting hose to the roof without dragging it through the interior of the building. I look, however, upon Hotel Pelham as a standing menace, that renders the most particular precautions advisable. A number of fire-extinguishers, as an additional safeguard, have also been placed in the building. An outer row of iron shutters on the side windows, by providing an air-chamber, would afford further security; but the present shutters are at such distance from the sashes, that wet sail-cloth or blankets placed in the interval will probably furnish good protection in case great heat should curl the shutters. The janitor makes a monthly report upon the condition of all appliances for guarding against and subduing a fire.

It should be added that, during the winter, two agents from the office of Inspector of Buildings have examined the steam-heating apparatus to see if the Library was under any danger from super-heated steam; and have pronounced the building free from danger, except at one point, which was at once attended to.

THE SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

The first year's experience with this Branch has shown a success, as compared with the operations of the East Boston Branch, proportionate to the difference in the population of the two sections of the city. While South Boston has a

population about half as large again as that of East Boston, the number of people registering for the first year, and the extent of the circulation has been in much the same relations, and the immunity from loss has been nearly as favorable.

The formal dedication of this Branch took place, May 16th, 1872, the Mayor presiding, and included an address by the President of the Trustees and others. A full account of the proceedings has been printed as a City document.

The Trustees of the Hawes Fund, having established a School of Art in the same building, have kindly placed a number of their casts upon brackets about the Library rooms, adding much to their attractiveness.

THE ROXBURY BRANCH.

As explained in the appendix of the last Annual Report, the enforced sale of the lot on Bartlett street, on which the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum had begun the erection of a Library building for the use of this Branch, has prevented the inauguration of this department during the year now closed; and the date of opening, which will be not far from the beginning of July, is at least six months later than was anticipated.

A new site having been secured on Millmont street, with the rear on Lambert street, and bounding laterally on Lambert avenue, embracing 15,930 feet of land, the work of reconstruction—in good part with material got out for the structure planned for the original site—began in the autumn. The plans as originally designed have been substantially carried out on the new ground, though a considerable slope from the front has compelled the lowering of the altitude of the rear portion, containing the Library room, while at the same time it has given a high and well-lighted basement room beneath in place of a low cellar. A private door entering from the outside on the side where the Librarian's

room is situated, and into the space between that and the Trustees' room, as marked on the plans given in the last report, is the only other material change. The public are under obligations to the architect and building committee of the Fellowes Trustees for the willing alacrity with which they have adopted every suggestion, derived from our experience; and I feel confident the result will be, that in convenience of arrangement and adaptation to all the purposes of a popular public library, the building of the Roxbury Branch will be among the few Library structures in the country that embody typical features in due proportion and proper subordination. This will be a matter for constant gratulation.

Moreover, the citizens of Roxbury are under great obligations to S. C. Thwing, Esq., the Treasurer of the Fellowes Fund, for the original instigation, that resulted in the bequest, by which they thus are peculiarly benefited over the other sections of the city.

In forming a collection for this Branch, about 700 volumes were taken in nearly equal proportions from the shelf-duplicates of the Lower Hall and from the Duplicate Room, and to these something over 3,000 had been added, mostly by purchase, up to the 30th of April, on account of the City's appropriation, while to the same date, 865 of the more expensive books had been bought with the money of the Fellowes Fund, making a total of over 4,600 volumes. The Branch will open with something over 5,000 volumes, all of which will have been catalogued and otherwise prepared for the shelves by the time the building is ready to receive them.

NOTE. — The books were removed to the new building on the 20th and 21st of June; the Reading Room for Periodicals was opened to the public on the 23d; and the delivery of the books begun on the 16th of July.

THE BOOKS.

If we add the Barton Library (purchased, but not received at the end of the Library year) to the figures of the extent of the collections, shown in appendix I, it will be found that more than 220,000 volumes is the result, which is just double the extent of the Library ten years ago. The Library of Congress still surpasses it, but the Astor Library has only about an equal extent with the Bates Hall collection. The Library seems now to be having a normal increase of about 12,000 to 15,000 volumes a year. Should the acts of the Legislature annexing Charlestown, Brookline, Brighton, and West Roxbury find favor with the people, three new branches — being the existing public libraries in all but the last-named place — will, within a year, be added to our system, bringing to our aggregate something like 35,000 or 40,000 volumes, and swelling the total under the control of the Trustees to nearly 275,000 volumes, — an extent likely to place the Boston Public Library at the head of all American libraries in the aggregate of its collections, as it is already in the value and usefulness of them.

The list of donors in Appendix XI is a continued proof of the good-will which is cherished towards the Library by citizens and remoter friends.

The increasing magnitude of the labor attending the ordering and receiving of books for all the departments of the Library has justified the division of the Library Service, which will appear in Appendix XXIII, by which the faithful assistant of the Superintendent in this duty is assigned to the responsible head of a new department, kept heretofore as an adjunct of the Catalogue Department.

The Library suffered a small loss of books in a bindery in Hawley street, by the fire of November last; and the Italian invoice for the year, embracing a complete set of the public

documents of the Italian government since 1848, upon the collection of which considerable pains had been expended, was on board the ship *Charlotte*, from Leghorn, which was wrecked on Bermuda reefs, in March. Insurance will be recovered in both cases. The Italian books, it proved, were saved, though damaged, and were sold for salvage, and the purchaser has offered them to the Library at one-quarter of the original cost, and his offer is under consideration.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

I refer to the full figures of Appendix XII, where it will be seen that the grand total of issues approximates to half a million volumes. I look during the coming year, for a larger use of the Bates Hall than ever before. The last month of the year showed that the circulation, which it maintained before the alterations, had been restored, and it will naturally increase.

In the Lower Hall there was no perceptible diminution of use, from the withdrawal of readers living at East Boston, during the first year after the opening of the Branch in that district. It was too remote from Boylston street to allow its inhabitants to be constant frequenters of the Central Library, and the use which the new Branch got was almost entirely from readers never before enjoying the privileges of the Library. With South Boston the case was different. There was far greater convenience of access for its residents to the Central Library, the drain upon whose frequenters was so severe, that the new retainers on our registration roll have not been able to make the loss good. The loss from last year is, however only about 16,000 issues, while the gain to the Library from the issues at the South Boston Branch has been over 102,000. The natural recuperative power of our circulation will probably more than regain during the coming

year, what has been lost, were no other new Branch to interfere; but the opening of the Roxbury Branch is likely to produce the same temporary stay upon the accumulative tendency of our statistics for the Lower Hall. The check will, however, be but temporary.

To counteract any such tendency, late in the year an additional hour was added to the available time for the delivery of books, by closing the Lower Hall at 9 o'clock, P.M. instead of 8 o'clock P.M. Coincidentally the service of this department has been modified somewhat, the hour of dismissal of the attendants being now uniformly at 7 o'clock (except on Saturdays), instead of varying from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock, as before, and a new force has been organized for evening service, as will be seen by Appendix XXIII.

It should be stated however that the use of the South Boston Branch is not alone the occasion of the loss in our Lower Hall circulation. A very perceptible falling off has been owing to an apprehension with some, during a part of the year, that the circulation of the Library was accountable in some way for the spreading of the small-pox. In all cases when it was known that books had been in houses where the infection existed, they were properly disposed of, when returned. It is worthy of remark that not one in the Library service was attacked by the disease.

For a week or two after the fire of November last the circulation was very materially checked; and considerable diminution was observable during the continuance of the Peace Jubilee of June and July, 1872.

USE OF PERIODICALS.

Referring to Appendix XX, I may add that the same reasons have affected the slight diminution in the use of the Central Reading Room, which has been referred to in connection with the circulation of books.

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Acting upon a request of the City Council, the Trustees ordered the opening of the Reading Rooms for Periodicals on Sundays, from 2 P. M. to 9 P. M., and this was done for the first time, February 9th. The use has been from one-half to three-quarters of the average week-day use. The frequenters have been uniformly decorous; and the most favorable feature of the results is, that a large proportion of the Sunday visitors are not such as are seen in the rooms on week-days. After a brief interval of scrutiny among those interested favorably or adversely in the experiment, this inroad upon old custom has passed from all active observation and the bulk of the population probably neither know nor care about the practice; leaving a comparatively small number of people to find a satisfaction in the privilege that sufficiently pays for the attendant outlay.

CATALOGUES.

In pursuance of a policy of guiding rather than forcing the public taste in the selection of books, the past year has been significant in the publication of two different helps to this end.

First. In August a new Hand-book for Readers was issued, including the regulations, a description of the possessions of the Library most likely to interest the curious, with a brief summary of its history. Its distinctive feature, however, was a full description of the catalogues, with directions how to use them, and lists of books classified under various subject heads, calculated to acquaint the reader with the simplest methods of bibliographical research. Before the year closed, an edition of 5,000 had been distributed, and a second amended edition is now in press.

Second. The scope of the new Lower Hall Class List for History, Biography and Travel, has, in its progress through the press, been much enlarged. In addition to the features

mentioned in the Report for last year, notes have been appended to all the subject-references of importance, which sometimes give concisely the history of the literature of the subjects, and often afford indications of the bearing and purposes of particular books, — the aim being to give assistance to persons looking for books under subjects. Constant reference has also been made to the Catalogues of the Bates Hall, with the hope that the user of the Library will thus learn better how the two collections can be made to supplement one another. While it cannot but be believed that good will come of this innovation in the style of popular catalogues, there can be no doubt that personal attention to the wants of unskilful users of the catalogues would accomplish much more; but other duties prevent any of the officers making it a special object. This latter work is an excellent field for a humanitarian of tact and the requisite knowledge, who could counsel without dogmatism or personal bias, if such a one could be found to devote his mornings and evenings among the scores and hundreds of inexperienced frequenters of the Library halls.

The publication of this catalogue has been delayed by the increasing labor, and by the misfortune of November last, much beyond what was anticipated. It was thought to have been half carried through the press when the entire edition up to that point was destroyed in the great fire. The reprinting of that portion, however, has given the opportunity for much improving it, and it is now hoped that it will be in the hands of the public during August. It has proved so extensive that the original project of appending to it a second edition of the Chronological List of Historical Fiction has been abandoned, and that work must find an independent issue.

A second edition of the list of periodicals currently received in the Central Library has likewise been printed, and brief discriminations of the character of the several

periodicals added to the titles in cases where it was necessary.

A supplemental List of the Tosti Engravings, including those framed in the lower floor of the Central Library, and not included already in the List of Portraits, has been prepared by Mr. Whitney, the Principal Assistant of the Library, to whom has been entrusted with confidence this critical labor. The present issue completes the work.

The general work of this department, including the issue of four Bulletins, has gone forward satisfactorily under the immediate direction of Mr. Wheeler, its accomplished head.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Superintendent.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 2d, 1873.

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TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. .

1873.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY, BY YEARS.

YEARS.	Total Volumes in the Libraries.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.				ROXBURY BRANCH.				Pamphlets added from the beginning.
		Bates Hall.	Lower Hall.	New- paper Room.	Duplicate Room.	E. Boston Branch.	S. Boston Branch.	Branch.	Fellowes Athene- um.	Total.
1.	9,688	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	961
2.	16,221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,960
3.	22,617	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,507
4.	28,080	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,386
5.	34,896	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,053
6.	70,851	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,938
7.	78,043	60,420	14,819	...	1,804	...	...	...	...	19,256
8.	85,032	66,228	17,000	...	1,804	...	...	...	...	20,707
9.	*97,386	75,217	19,161	...	3,008	...	...	...	...	27,381
10.	105,034	79,349	20,881	...	4,794	...	...	...	...	28,874
11.	110,568	82,801	22,525	...	5,237	...	...	...	...	31,043
12.	116,934	88,226	23,592	...	5,116	...	...	...	...	31,837
13.	123,016	93,172	24,860	...	4,984	...	...	...	...	32,553
14.	130,678	100,171	23,366	...	5,141	...	...	...	...	36,566
15.	136,080	106,735	*25,199	...	5,146	...	...	...	...	44,443
16.	144,092	111,681	26,606	...	5,805	...	...	...	...	47,254
17.	152,796	117,967	23,723	...	6,106	...	...	...	...	61,177
18.	160,573	124,419	29,909	...	6,246	...	...	...	...	74,770
19.	179,250	135,786	30,574	...	*6,964	5,096	...	...	...	89,746
20.	192,968	142,685	31,827	...	*7,314	6,767	4,365	...	...	100,383
21.	209,456	149,477	32,606	2,111	*8,183	7,291	5,174	3,750	865	112,153
										4,915

* Actual count. † Nine months.

NOTE. — The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are thrown out and put among the pamphlets held for exchange.

APPENDIX II.

YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE
AND BY GIFTS.

Years.		Increase. (Net after 1861.)		Gifts. (See App. IX.)		Purchases in- cluding those charged to funds.		Felloes Athena- um.	Donors, exclud- ing anony- mous.
		Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	‡Pamph.	Vols.	
1 . . .	1852-53	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	...	...	75
2 . . .	1853-54	6,533	2,989	2,152	2,989	4,381	...	...	105
3 . . .	1854-55	6,396	2,557	2,663	2,468	3,733	89	...	153
4 . . .	1855-56	5,463	5,379	1,865	5,330	3,598	549	...	126
5 . . .	1856-57	6,816	3,667	1,686	3,646	5,130	21	...	132
6 . . .	1857-58	*35,955	1,885	30,214	1,885	5,741	...	...	381
7 . . .	1858-59	7,192	1,817	3,405	1,317	3,787	...	...	247
8 . . .	1859-60	6,989	1,452	3,744	1,452	3,245	...	...	207
9 . . .	1860-61	†16,948	6,674	12,299	6,656	4,649	18	...	242
10 . . .	1861-62	7,391	1,493	1,274	1,493	6,117	...	...	234
11 . . .	1862-63	5,529	2,169	829	1,958	4,700	212	...	194
12 . . .	1863-64	6,226	2,939	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	...	219
13 . . .	1864-65	6,082	1,516	804	1,026	5,178	490	...	323
14 . . .	1865-66	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,286	671	...	336
15 . . .	1866-67	5,308	7,877	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	...	300
16 . . .	1867-68	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,513	6,396	298	...	342
17 . . .	1868-69	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,939	...	649
18 . . .	1869-70	7,775	13,593	1,646	10,223	6,129	3,365	...	666
19 . . .	1870-71	‡18,099	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	...	604
20 . . .	1871-72	||13,708	10,637	4,349	5,831	9,359	4,806	...	610
21 . . .	1872-73	14,644	11,770	3,989	8,060	10,706	3,710	**865	601

* Of these, 24,618 were the Bates gift.

† Of these, 11,721 were the Parker bequest.

‡ Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. The large number of recent years has been occasioned by the systematic completion of serials and periodicals for the Central Library, as well as for the Branches.

§ Including 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association.

|| Including 1,471 volumes from the Mattapan Literary Association.

** Included in previous columns. These volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury Branch by agreement.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
The General Library	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709	126,207
Patent Library . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	||2,120
Bowditch Library*	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library*	†11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907
Prince Library	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	†1,970	1,970	1,970
Ticknor Library . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,774	\$3,907	3,907
Barton Library ** . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651	829
	105,737	111,281	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,482
Condemned	0	0	2	0	0	1	5
Total	105,737	111,281	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,685	149,477

* See Appendix IX.

† Including 186 duplicates, which are boxed and stored in the basement.

‡ Including 18 vols. of MSS.

§ Includes 31 vols. of MSS. as bound. When received they were mostly in stitched brochures, several of which are now bound in one volume. The remainder of the difference between these figures and those for the previous year, arose from some discrepancy in the count of pamphlets destined for volumes.

|| Divided into 1,791 volumes for the English; 130 volumes for the American; and 199 volumes for the French specifications and drawings. Included previously in the General Library. Now in charge of a special Curator.

** Purchased, but not yet received and enumerated.

NOTE. — Of the volumes lost from the Bates Hall some reappear each year, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little; so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX IV.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Reported the preceding year	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	
Added during the year	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	
Total	27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689	33,188	33,626	
Books transferred to Bates Hall	339	93	19	23	7	1	
Books transferred to Branches				869	535	342	
Condemned during the year	267	259	212	1,233	819	673	
Total left	*25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605

* Actual count.

NOTE. — There have been since the last actual count in 1867, perhaps a hundred volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as "unaccounted for," but may reappear.

APPENDIX V.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including the Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd and imperfect volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are boxed up at intervals.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Number at beginning of year,	4,955	5,146	5,805	6,106	. . . .	6,954	7,314
Added during the year . . .	714	1,004	847	443	383	996	1,375
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	. . . .	7,950	8,689
Disposed of	523	346	546	304	234	636	1,506
Total	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314	*8,183

* This number is by an actual count of the serviceable volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes three hundred and eighty-one volumes of British Sessional documents, ready for exchange.

† Of these, one hundred and forty-five were exchanged and three hundred and sixty-one sent to the Roxbury Branch. A considerable number of odd and imperfect volumes, of which no account is made, have been sent to the City quarantine boat.

NOTE. — There are also of pamphlets some thirty thousand duplicates, arranged and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges.

APPENDIX VI.

INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	
Bates Hall.	{	Gain in located b'ks (App.VIII.)	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,022
		Of these not located at last Report	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	651
	{	Added and located	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	5,971
		Added and not located	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829
	{	Total gain	5,946	6,288	6,450	11,349	6,900	6,800
		Condemned . . . . .	.....	2	.....	.....	1	5
{	Net gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	
Lower Hall.	{	Gain in located books	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799
		Less transfers and condemned books	596	852	231	2,115	1,361	1,021
	{	Net gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778
Newspaper Room.	{	Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
		Less loss . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
	{	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
Duplicate Room.	{	Gain by addition . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,375
		Less loss by exchanges, etc. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	506
	{	Net gain	659	301	139	149	360	809
E. Boston Branch.	{	Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	881	621
		Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	97
	{	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	831	524
S. Boston Branch.	{	Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	885
		Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76
	{	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,365	809

APPENDIX VI, *Continued.*

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
<i>Roxbury Branch.</i> { Gain in city part . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,754
Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,750
Fellowes Athenæum . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865
Total gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,615
<i>Total Increase.</i> { Bates Hall gain	5,945	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795
Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778
Newspaper Room gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
Duplicate Room gain	659	801	139	149	360	899
E. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	831	524
S. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,365	809
Rox. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,750
Fellowes Athenæum gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865
Total gain	8,012	8,708	7,775	18,099	18,708	14,644

APPENDIX VII.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
English Books with British imprint	635	708	625	811	899	1,096	1,389
English Books with American imprint	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,306	3,642	4,301
English Books with Continental imprint	104	100	80	50	48	115	291
Foreign Books	539	673	789	487	561	891	1,064
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	.....	447	248	480	.....	.....
Total	2,529	2,926	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744	7,045

APPENDIX VIII.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.
May	758	.....	727	455	584
June	509	.....	480	464	584
July	1,037	.....	462	291	631
August	383	347	520	518	554
September	713	833	378	511	457
October	866	697	546	296	520
November	443	763	695	*4,523	499
December	639	632	905	651	646
January	626	834	427	611	658
February	563	633	706	724	456
March	521	382	1,001	788	551
April	417	1,175	661	†598	492
Total	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,622
Pamphlet volumes arranged by the Curator . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	385	554

NOTE. — These monthly figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1869. The figures for May, June and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the Library year.

* 3,576 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

Pamphlets. During the year the Curator of pamphlets has rearranged all the loose pamphlets by subjects, etc., in the new Cabinet Room; and such as were duplicates and not needed have been arranged in adjacent apartments.

908	601	5	97	...	XII. Periodicals and Transactions	314	341	507	445	500	397	384	13,102	14,713
144	3,243	872	310	...	XIII. Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	968	595	836	617	985	496	620	12,111	16,080
5	1,247	40	77	...	XIV. Metaphysics and Social Science	185	343	429	444	378	263	324	5,001	6,379
3	307	13	30	...	XV. Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	106	115	2,733	3,076
65	98	...	15	...	XVI. Political Economy	79	66	118	75	130	58	101	1,219	1,397
3	66	22	...	...	XVII. Medical Science	370	556	706	515	365	686	747	7,963	8,054
14	124	...	...	...	XVIII. Natural History and Science	155	170	172	212	191	331	289	5,290	5,428
824	90	20	53	...	XIX. Mathematics and Physical Sciences	312	318	394	449	485	434	323	6,959	7,946
4	9	...	...	...	XX. Useful Arts	96	116	119	102	76	181	256	1,727	1,740
...	20	1	...	...	XXI. Fine Arts	197	205	193	338	253	215	201	3,962	3,992
6	...	...	...	...	XXII. Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphlets	...	...	15	6	5	3	9	425	431
...	...	18	31	...	XXIII. Bound Vols. of Manuscripts	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	49
2,542	11,721	1,970	3,907	2,120	Totals	5,100	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	6,477	6,622	126,207	148,908

EXPLANATION. — Class III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

Class V. (CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII). — These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VIII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

Class XI includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

Class XIV includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Phrenology, etc.

Class XIX includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

Class XXII embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several alcoves.

NOTE. — The above figures of the special collections, excepting the Patent Library, which is yearly increased, exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of series, but such accessions are counted in the classes of the general Library, though the books are located with the special collection. The increase of the Tinker Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

The "locations" under Classes IV, V and VI include the annual increase of the Patent Library, but the column "May 1, 1873" does not include the totals of the Patent Library, or of the other special libraries.

APPENDIX X.

LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSIFICATION.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913. To be deducted.						Total, May 1, 1913.	
	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, May 1.	Total, May 1.	Total, May 1.	New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned books replaced.	Total added, 1872-13.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.		Condemned.
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc.	1,498	1,569	1,651	1,703	1,753	1,805	31	1	1	33	0	34	2	1,802
Jurisprudence and Political Science	270	276	280	283	289	275	8	3	0	11	0	1	0	285
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science	1,705	1,778	1,857	1,898	1,908	1,948	103	6	2	111	1	14	1	2,043
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science	599	629	647	654	639	629	34	2	1	37	0	5	5	656
American History and Politics	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,086	1,070	12	5	0	17	0	7	3	1,077
Foreign History and Politics	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,363	1,369	15	3	1	19	0	24	0	1,354
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric.	2,263	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	2,529	44	7	0	51	0	32	4	2,544
English, Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	7,165	8,062	9,130	9,818	10,469	11,231	495	387	238	1,120	0	0	537	11,864
Biography	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,298	2,231	37	9	0	46	0	79	2	2,246
Travels	1,897	1,871	1,989	2,041	1,990	1,980	47	24	7	78	0	84	9	1,965
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.*	2,621	2,798	3,125	3,305	3,478	3,771	88	131	12	231	0	62	113	3,827
German Books	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	1,250	6	0	7	13	0	0	1	1,262
Italian Books	221	221	221	224	226	226	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	227
French Books	1,043	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	1,213	19	1	0	20	0	0	1	1,232
Spanish Books . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Books of Reference	87	92	97	126	171	214	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	225
Totals	26,199	29,806	28,723	29,000	30,574	31,827	951	579	269	1,799	1	342	678	32,605

* This class embracing sets like Robt's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, except as one volume may be two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX XI.

LIST OF DONORS, 1872-73.

Bates, Joshua, <i>London</i> , interest on the fund of	.	.	\$50,000
Bigelow, <i>Hon. John P.</i> , " " "	.	.	1,000
Franklin Club, " " "	.	.	1,000
Lawrence, <i>Hon. Abbott</i> , " " "	.	.	10,000
Philips, <i>Hon. Jonathan</i> , " " "	.	.	30,000
Ticknor, George, " " "	.	.	4,000
Townsend, Mary P., " " "	.	.	4,000
			<hr/>
			\$100,000

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1872, TO APRIL 30, 1873.

Donors (excluding anonymous),	.	.	.	.	.	601
Volumes,	.	.	.	.	.	3,939
Pamphlets,	.	.	.	.	.	8,060

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Abbe, <i>Rev. Frederic R.</i> ,	1	
Advocate Publishing Company, <i>Jackson, Tenn.</i> , 1 newspaper,		
Alabama, University of, <i>Tuscaloosa</i> ,		1
Albert Memorial Museum, <i>Exeter, England</i> ,		2
Allen, Asa Witter, <i>Salem, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Allen, Edward G., <i>London</i> , 42 numbers of periodicals,		
Allen, Willard S.,		
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
American Baptist Missionary Union,	1	
American Bible Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	10	5
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,	4	
American Colonization Society, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
American Geographical Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
American Home Missionary Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	2	
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
American Social Science Association, 36 numbers of periodicals,	142	186
American Unitarian Association,	2	1
Amory, Thomas C.,	1	
Andover Theological Seminary,		1
Anonymous, 23 numbers of periodicals,	26	21

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Anthon, Charles E., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Appleton, Daniel,	1	
Appleton, Nathan,	1	
Appleton, W. S.,	135	3
Armstrong and Co., 1 lithograph,		
Attwood, Gilbert and Co.,		1
Atwell, Richard, I.,	11	22
Austin, S. H., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	25
Axon, William E. A., <i>Manchester, England</i> , 1 broadside,		4
Baker, Joseph,	1	
Baldwin, Charles C., <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Balfour, David M., <i>Charlestown</i> ,	2	2
Ballou, Maturin M.,	1	
Baltimore, <i>Md.</i> , Mercantile Library,		36
Barnard, James M.,	5	
Barr, John C., <i>Pittsburgh, Pa.</i> ,		1
Bartol, George M. Rev., <i>Lancaster, Mass.</i> ,		3
Bassett, Rev. E. B., <i>Warwick, Mass.</i> ,	2	
Batchelder, Rev. C. R., <i>Bethel, Vi.</i> ,	1	
Bell, James B.,		1
Bennett, Joseph E., <i>Manchester, N. H.</i> ,	2	1
Berkshire Athenæum, <i>Pittsfield, Mass.</i> ,		1
Berlin, <i>Prussia</i> , City of,	1	
Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bigelow, Hon. John P., The Estate of, 1 broadside,	227	35
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee,	1	1
Bixby, George Holmes, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bixby, H. C.,		1
Blood, Mary W., 64 newspapers,	1	1
Bogart, W. H.,	1	
Bolles, W. P., <i>M. D.</i> ,	11	13
Bossange, Gustave, <i>Paris, France</i> ,	1	2
Boston, City of,	29	297
— Athenæum,	1	4
— Board of Trade, 10 broadsides,	4	160
— College,		1
— Gas Light Company,	9	
— Home for Aged Men,		1
— Home for Little Wanderers,		1
— Industrial Aid Society,		1
— Land Company,		1
— North St. Union Mission,		2
— Overseers of the Poor,	1	12
— Penitent Females' Refuge,		1
— Port and Seamen's Aid Society,		1
— Provident Association,		3
— Young Men's Christian Union,		2
— Young Women's Christian Association,		2
Boston and Albany Railroad Company,		5
Both, Carl, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> ,		2
Bowen, James A.,	3	
Bradford, George P.,	3	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Bradford, T. G., 26 newspapers, 13 broadsides,	2	11
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D.,	1	4
Brainard, E., 2 photographs,		
Brewer, Gardner.	1	
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i>	6	4
Bridgeman Alfred, and Son, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Brigham, Charles B., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Brigham, Rev. Charles H., <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i> ,		2
Brighton, Town Clerk,		1
British Museum, <i>London</i> ,	3	3
Brockhaus, F. A., <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ,		1
Brookline, Town of,	1	
— Public Library,		1
Brooklyn, <i>N. Y.</i> , Art Association,	2	
— Mercantile Library Association,		1
— Park Commissioners,	1	
Brown, Buckminster, <i>M. D.</i> ,	4	6
Brown, Francis H., <i>M. D.</i> ,		8
Brunn, Chr. V., <i>Copenhagen</i> ,	1	2
Buffalo, <i>N. Y.</i> , Catholic Institute,		1
— University of,		1
Bufford, Rev. Marcellus, <i>Portsmouth, N. H.</i> ,		1
Burroughs, Rev. Henry,	1	
Butler, Hon. Benj. F., <i>Lowell</i> ,		1
Butler Hospital for the insane, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
California Pharmaceutical Society, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,		1
— State Library, <i>Sacramento</i> ,	2	
Canada, Commissioner of Patents,	3	
— Department of Agriculture,		12
— Department of Public Works,	2	12
— Geological Survey,	2	
Capen, Barnard,	1	
Capen, F. L.,	1	
Carlton and Lanahan, <i>New York City</i> ,		16
Caswell, Edward T., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Chamberlin, David,		1
Chambers, George E., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Champney, J. W.,	1	
Chandler, Hon. Z., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Chapman, E. D.,	3	
Charlestown, City of,		1
— Public Library,	1	1
Chelsea, City of,		3
Christern, F. W., <i>New York City</i> ,	6	2
Christian Register Association,	2	
Christian Visitor, The, Publisher,	2	
Chute, J. M., <i>Chelsea</i> , 24 broadsides,	7	7
Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Young Men's Mercantile Library Association,	6	5
Claghorn, James L., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Clapp, David, and son, 1,949 numbers of periodicals,	15	253
Clapp, Otis,	10	543
Clarke, Rev. James F., 218 numbers of periodicals,	12	471
Clarke, Robert, and Co., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	5	9
Cleveland, Rev. N., Westport, Conn., 12 numbers of periodicals,	19	76

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Coe, Levi E., <i>West Meriden, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Colman's Rural World, The, Publisher, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , .	1	
Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	2
Commonwealth, The, Publisher,	8	
Concord, <i>N. H.</i> , City Clerk,		22
Conkling, Clinton L., <i>Springfield, Ill.</i> ,	1	
Connecticut Board of Education,	6	
Coolidge, Algernon, <i>M. D.</i> , 50 numbers of periodicals, .		1
Corbin, P., and H., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> ,		6
Creery, William R., <i>Baltimore, M. D.</i> ,	1	
Cronin, David E., <i>Binghampton, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Cross, James M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	1
Cullis, Charles, <i>M. D.</i> ,		4
Cummings, Bradley N., 45 numbers of periodicals, .	148	354
Cupples, Joseph G.,		11
Curtis, P. G.,	1	
Cutter, Charles A.,	1	1
Dalton, Henry R.,	376	75
Dana, E. E., 1 number of a periodical,		
Dana, <i>Hon.</i> Richard H., Jr.,		1
Deane, Charles,		1
Deblois, Stephen G.,	1	
Deborah, Die, Publisher, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	2	
Dellinger, Fanny, 1 newspaper,		
Dennet, W. H.,		4
Derby, George, <i>M. D.</i> ,	21	2
Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Board of Education,		1
Deutscher Medicinischer Verein, 178 numbers of periodicals, .		
Dexter, Franklin B., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Dickinson College, <i>Carlisle, Pa.</i> ,		2
Dixon, Thomas, <i>Sunderland</i> ,		4
Douglass, D. De Forrest, <i>Springfield</i> ,		1
Dow, J. E., <i>Peoria, Ill.</i> ,		1
Drake, Francis S.,		1
Drew, M.,		1
Drummond, Josiah H., <i>Portland, Me.</i> ,		1
Dubois, Patterson, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Duren, <i>Dea.</i> Elnathan F., <i>Bangor, Me.</i> ,		1
Durrie, Daniel S., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> ,		1
Dwelshanvers, Celestine,	1	
Dwight, Edmund,		8
Eclectic Medical Institute, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,		1
Edes, <i>Rev.</i> Richard S., <i>Bolton</i> ,		1
Eissfeldt, Ferdinand,	1	
Eliot, John Fleet,	10	
Emerson, <i>Hon.</i> George B., 1 photograph, 3 maps, 2 numbers of periodicals, 2 broadsides, .	12	204
Essex Institute, <i>Salem</i> ,	2	2
Evans, <i>Rev.</i> F. W.,	1	
Everett, Horace, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Fall River, Public Library,		1
— School Committee,		17

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Ferris, B. G., <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Fitchburg Railroad Company,		1
Flügel, Dr. Felix, <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ,		4
Foley, William J.,	1	1
Foot, Samuel A., <i>Geneva, N. Y.</i> ,	2	
Foot, Rev. Henry W.,		1
Ford, William E.,		2
Forssman, O. W. A., <i>Cape Town</i> ,		1
Foster, William H.,		1
Fowler, M. F.,		1
Franks, Augustus W., Executor of the Estate of F. Slade, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Freeman, William F., and Co.,		1
French, Hon. Henry F.,		1
Gaffield, Thomas,	4	
Gardner, William S.,	2	
Garrison, W. P., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, through W. S. Perry,	2	
George, W. S., and Co., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	2	
Georgia, University of, <i>Athens</i> ,		1
Globe Publishing Company,	1	
Goel, Mrs. G. B., 7 numbers of periodicals,	1	3
Gorham Manufacturing Company, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Gould, Prof. B. A., <i>Córdoba, Argentine Republic</i> ,		1
Graham, William, <i>Detroit, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Grahame, T., 165 newspapers,	1	4
Gray, Hon. William,	1	
Green, Samuel A., <i>M. D.</i> ,	4	31
Greene, Rev. J. S. Copley, <i>Brookline</i> ,	10	
Greenough, William W.,	5	1
Guild, Chester,		31
Guild, Curtis, and Co.,	41	82
Guild, Reuben A., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	3
Gunn, R. A., <i>M. D., New York City</i> ,	5	
Hale, Hon. Charles,		1
Hale, Rev. Charles R., <i>Auburn, N. Y.</i> ,		8
Harding, William P.,	1	
Harrison, W., and Son, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Hart, Charles H., <i>Pennsylvania, Pa.</i> ,	1	152
Harvard College, <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
— Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,	1	5
— Peabody Museum,		2
— Medical College,	12	101
Haskins, Rev. David G., <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
Haskins, Rev. George Foxcroft,	1	1
Hayes, John L., 1 newspaper,		
Haynes, Prof. Henry W., <i>Burlington, Vermont</i> ,	3	1
Hazard, Willis P., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Heinzen, Karl,		1
Hill, William N.,	1	
Hillard, Hon. George S.,	1	4
Hingham. Agricultural and Horticultural Society,		8
— School Committee,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Hinton, James, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Hoadley, Charles J., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,	6	
Hoar, Hon. E. R., <i>Concord</i> ,	1	
Holton Library, <i>Brighton</i> ,		• 14
Homans, I. Smith, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	1
Hooper, Hon. Samuel,	16	1
Howard, Charles P., <i>North Reading</i> ,		2
Howe, Samuel G., <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Howe, William,	14	
Hoyt, Col. A. H.,		2
Hubbard, Luther P., <i>Greenwich, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Humphreys, Brig. Gen. A. A., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Hunterian Club, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> ,		1
Hurd and Houghton, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Index Association, <i>Toledo, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Indiana Board of Agriculture, <i>Indianapolis</i> ,	7	
Indiana Institute for the Blind, <i>Indianapolis</i> ,		1
Institution of Civil Engineers, <i>London</i> ,	9	
Iowa State Historical Society, <i>Davenport</i> ,		2
Israelite, The, Publisher, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	8	
Jackson, Charles, 245 numbers of periodicals, 2 broadsides,	26	81
Jackson, Mrs. Charles,	54	10
Jackson, Charles F.,	1	
Jarvis, Edward, <i>M. D.</i> ,	2	35
Jay, Hon. John, <i>United States Minister at Vienna</i> ,	1	
Jeffries, B. Joy, <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Jeffries, John, Jr., 80 numbers of periodicals,	15	
Jenkins, Joseph H., 1 broadside,		
Jennison, Rev. Joseph F., Chaplain of the 203d Pennsylv- vania Regiment,		1
Johnson, Rev. George D., <i>Newburyport</i> ,		1
Jones, Jessie H., <i>East Abington</i> ,		1
Jordan, O. J.,	1	
Joy, Prof. Charles A., <i>New York City</i> ,	5	104
Kaiserliche Königliche Geologische Reichsanstalt, <i>Vienna</i> ,	1	1
Keep, N. C., <i>M. D.</i> , 43 numbers of periodicals,	43	55
Kellaway, Elder W.,	1	
Kenyon College, <i>Gambier, Ohio</i> ,		2
Kingman, K. P.,		2
Koenigliche bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, <i>Munich</i> ,	1	9
Lancaster. Library Committee,		1
Landreth, David, and Son, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Langworthy, Rev. I. P.,		2
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		3
Lawrence, Abbott, 6 numbers of periodicals,		6
Lawrence, William Beach,	1	1
Lawrence. Free Public Library,		1
Lawson, L. M., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Leeds, <i>England</i> , Public Library,		1
Leicester. Public Library,		1
—— School Committee,		1
Lemay, L. Pamphile, <i>Quebec</i> ,	3	
Lenox, James, <i>New York City</i> ,		2

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Leonard, Rev. George, <i>East Marshfield</i> ,	1	
Lewis, Winslow, <i>M. D.</i> , 4 numbers of periodicals, 9 engraved portraits,	13	200
Lewiston, <i>Me.</i> , City Clerk,		3
Liberal Christian, The, Publisher, <i>New York City</i> ,	2	
Library of the General Staff, <i>Cairo, Egypt</i> ,	1	
Licking County Pioneer Association, <i>Newark, Ohio</i> ,		2
Ligue de l'Enseignement, <i>Paris</i> ,	3	
Lincoln, Henry W.,	1	
Lippincott and Co., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
List and Franck, <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ,	1	
Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library,	1	1
Livingston, G. F., <i>Manchester, N. H.</i> ,		2
Lodge of St. Andrew,	1	
Loring, James Spear, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,	4	232
Loring, John G., 11 engraved portraits, 1 plaster bust,		
Loubat, J. F., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Low, Peter,	3	
Lowell, City Clerk,	1	
—— City Library,		2
Mc Cleary, Samuel F., <i>City Clerk</i> ,	32	
Mc Dermott, Thomas M.,		10
Mac Donald, Sir John A., <i>Ottawa</i> ,		2
McMichael, Morton, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Magee, Henry F., 7 numbers of periodicals,		
Maine. Secretary of State,	16	18
—— State Library,	3	
Manchester, <i>England</i> , Public Free Libraries,	2	
Mann, B. Pickman, <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
Marble, Albert P., <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Martin, Charles, <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Navy Yard, Charlestown</i> ,	1	
Martin, Hon. Silas N., <i>Wilmington, N. C.</i> ,		8
Massachusetts, State of,	3	4
—— Agricultural College, <i>Amherst</i> ,		3
—— Board of Health,	2	
—— Bureau of Statistics of Labor,	1	
—— Charitable Mechanics Association,		2
—— Eclectic Medical Society,		2
—— General Hospital,	29	
—— Horticultural Society,	1	
—— Institute of Technology,		1
—— Medical Society, 20 numbers of periodicals,	681	202
—— Railroad Commissioner,	1	
—— Secretary of the Commonwealth,	2	
—— Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,	2	
—— State Library,	10	474
—— State Lunatic Hospital,		20
—— Temperance Alliance,		1
May, Rev. Samuel, <i>Leicester</i> ,	1	
Mendels, Jacob,	18	
Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bulletin, Publishers, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Miami University, <i>Oxford, Ohio</i> ,		1
Michigan State Library, <i>Lansing</i> , 1 newspaper,	5	2

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Miller, Charles A., <i>New York City</i> , 3,600 Union and seces- sion envelopes,		
Minnesota. Historical Society, <i>St. Paul</i> ,	2	
— Superintendent of Public Instruction,		4
Moore, J. F.,	1	4
Mori, <i>Hon. Arinori, Japanese Ambassador</i> ,	2	
Mosely, Edward S., <i>Newburyport</i> ,	1	
Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, <i>South Hadley</i> ,		1
Munsell, Joel, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,	3	25
Nation, The, Publisher, <i>New York City</i> , 113 numbers of periodicals, 550 newspapers,	69	208
National Association of Wool Manufacturers,	11	6
National Deaf-Mute College, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Naumann, <i>Dr. Robert, Leipzig, Germany</i> ,		1
Nelson, Horatio,	2	
New Bedford, City of,	1	
— Free Public Library,		4
Newcomb, John B., <i>Elgin, Ill.</i> ,	1	
New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association,		13
New England Freedmen's Aid Society, 18 numbers of peri- odicals,		
New England Historic Genealogical Society,		1
New England Society, <i>Orange, N. J.</i> ,		1
New Hampshire. Asylum for the Insane, <i>Concord</i> ,		1
— Secretary of State,	6	
Newton. Free Library,		1
— Theological Institution,		1
New York, City, Apprentices' Library,		1
— Astor Library,		2
— Board of Commissions of Public Charities and Correction,	2	
— Board of Health,	1	
— City Mission and Tract Society,	1	
— Commissioners of Public Parks,	1	
— Genealogical and Biographical Society,		1
— General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen,		2
— Life Insurance Company,		2
— Medico-Legal Society,		2
— Mercantile Library Association,	2	1
— Young Men's Christian Association,		1
New York, State, Board of Commissioners of Public Char- ities,	3	
— Chamber of Commerce,	1	
— Department of Public Instruction,	5	
— Engineer and Surveyor,	17	
— Library,	11	1
— Lunatic Asylum,		1
Nichols, <i>Prof. W. R.</i> ,		4
Northern Pacific Railroad Company,		1
Ohio. Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,		1
— State Library,	11	32
Omaha, <i>Nebraska</i> , Library Association,		1
Onderdonk, Henry, Jr., <i>Jamaica, Long Island</i> ,	1	1
Ontario. Library of Parliament, <i>Toronto</i> ,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Paine, Prof. J. K., Cambridge,	1	
Paine, Prof. Martyn, New York City,	2	2
Palfrey, Hon. John G., Cambridge,	2	
Palmer, Julius A., 30 newspapers,		
Parker, J. H., London,	2	
Parrish, Clemmons, Philadelphia, Pa.,		1
Parvin, T. S., Iowa City,	4	
Peabody Academy of Science, Salem,		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.,		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody,		2
Peck, George W., Cincinnati, Ohio,		1
Peirce, Gen. E. W., Freetown,		1
Pennsylvania. Board of Public Charities,	1	
— Institution for the Instruction of the Blind,		2
Perkins, Charles C.,	1	
Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind,		1
Perry, Hon. Ell, Albany, N. Y.,	2	
Perry, John B., Cambridge,		1
Perry, T. S.,	263	57
Philadelphia, Pa., Apprentices' Library Company,		2
— City Institute,		2
— College of Pharmacy,		1
— Fairmount Park Art Association,		3
— Library Company,		6
— Mercantile Library Company,		1
Philbrick, John D., Superintendent of Schools,		1
Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H.,		5
Pittsburgh, Pa., Young Men's Mercantile Library and Mechanics' Institute,		1
Poore, Hon. Ben Perley, Washington, D. C.,		4
Porée, Alice M.,		19
Potter, Thomas Bayley, London,	3	
Powers, Thomas H., Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	
Prairie Farmer, The, Publisher, Chicago, Ill.,	1	
Pratt, John M. W., Taunton, 59 numbers of periodicals, 844 newspapers,	11	399
Preble, Capt. George H., U. S. N., Charlestown,	1	6
Providence, R. I., City of,	1	
— Athenæum,		1
— Woman's Christian Association,		1
Putnam Library, Dayton, Ohio,	1	
Quincy, Eliza Susan,	2	
Quincy, Hon. Josiah, 24 numbers of periodicals, 62 broadsides,	39	205
Raymond, Mrs.,	24	
Rayner, John J., Lexington, 464 newspapers,		
Read, William, M. D.,		614
Reading. Trustees of Public Library,		1
Reiche, Charles,	1	
Rhode Island. Board of State Charities and Corrections,		1
— Medical Society, Providence,		
Rice, Roswell, Shushan, N. Y., 12 broadsides,		
Rich, Gilbert, W.,	1	
Richardson, Hon. William A., Washington, D. C.,	2	
Roberts, John P., Alfred, Me.,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Rochdale, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library,		1
Rochester, <i>N. Y.</i> , University of,		1
Rolfe, William J., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	2	
Ross, Daniel,		2
Ross James, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> ,		1
Royal Astronomical Society, <i>London</i> ,	2	
Royal Geographical Society, <i>London</i> ,	3	
Royal Observatory, <i>Edinburgh</i> ,	1	
Runnels, Rev. M. T., <i>Sanbornton, N. H.</i> ,	1	
Rutgers College, <i>New Brunswick, N. J.</i> ,		1
St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Board of Public Schools,	3	
— Mercantile Library Association,		2
— Public School Library,	1	
Salem, City Clerk,	1	
Salem, <i>Ohio</i> , Union School,		2
Salford, <i>England</i> , Museum and Library,		1
Sandford, Rev. Enoch, <i>Raynham</i> ,		1
San Francisco, <i>Cal.</i> , Superintendent of Common Schools,		1
Sanger, Hon. George P., <i>Cambridge</i> , 5 newspapers, 102 broad-sides,	9	396
Saturday Express, The, Publisher,	2	
Savage, E. H., <i>Chief of Police</i> ,	1	1
Saville, Mrs. Mary, The Estate of,		32
Sawyer Free Library, <i>Gloucester</i> ,	1	
Seaman, Ezra C.,	1	
Searle, F. A, 605 playbills,		
Seeley, J., <i>Great Barrington</i> ,	1	
Shaw, Benj. S., <i>M. D.</i> ,	5	16
Shaw, Daniel, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,	10	
Shellabarger, Hon. Samuel, <i>Springfield, Ohio</i> ,		1
Shepard, Charles A. B.,		1
Sibley, John L., <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
Smith, Charles C.,		1
Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Snider, D. J., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> ,		1
Snow, Edwin M., <i>M. D., Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Société Franklin, <i>Paris</i> ,	2	
Sons of Temperance. Grand Division of Massachusetts,	3	
Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Southbridge. Library Committee,		1
South Carolina, University of, <i>Columbia</i> ,		1
Spooner, Lysander,	1	
Springfield. City Library Association,		1
Staehli, Francis R., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Start, Rev. W. A., <i>North Cambridge</i> ,		4
Steele, James G., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,		2
Steiger, E., <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Stevens, Henry, <i>London</i> ,	2	
Stevens, Simon, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Stimpson, Charles M., 2 broadsides,		
Stockholm, City of,	1	
Stoddard, Charles,		155
Stone, Gen. C. P., <i>Alexandria, Egypt</i> ,	1	
Stone, Hon. Jonathan, <i>Charlestown</i> ,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Sumner, <i>Hon.</i> Charles, 2 newspapers, 5 broadsides, . . .	62	45
Sunday Times, The, Publisher,	2	
Sykes, Joseph,	1	1
Taunton. Public Library,		1
Taylor, H. R.,	1	1
Teale, A. K., <i>Milton</i> ,		1
Temporary Asylum for Discharged Female Prisoners, <i>Dedham</i> ,		1
Tenney, <i>Rev.</i> E. P.,	1	3
Thayer, Caroline C.,	3	
Thraikill, John W., <i>M. D., St. Louis, Mo.</i> ,	1	
Thurman, <i>Hon.</i> A. G., <i>Charlottesville, Va.</i> ,		1
Tiele, P. A., <i>Leyden</i> ,		
Titus, Charles H.,	2	6
Tobey, <i>Hon.</i> Edward S.,	1	
Toner, J. M., <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Towne, <i>Rev.</i> Edward C., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , 5 newspapers,		
Trumbull, <i>Hon.</i> J. H., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,		1
Tucker, W. W.,	1	
Tufts College, <i>College Hill</i> ,		5
Turf, Field and Farm, The, Publisher, <i>New York City</i> ,	2	
Turner, <i>Mrs.</i> Abby D.,	9	
Turner, Alfred T.,	1	
Union League, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
United States. Board of Indian Commissioners,	1	
— Bureau of Education,	2	1
— Bureau of Navigation,	8	
— Census Office,	2	
— Department of Agriculture,		4
— Department of the Interior, 1 map,	87	
— Department of State,	17	8
— Department of the Post Office,	8	
— Department of the Treasury, 3 broadsides,	4	1
— Department of War,	2	
— Library of Congress,	1	1
— Naval Observatory,	3	2
— Office of the Chief Engineers,	2	
— Patent Office,	56	1
— Quartermaster General's Office,	1	1
— Surgeon General's Office, 2 broadsides,	1	1
United States Military Post Library Association, <i>New York City</i> ,		4
United States National Prison Association, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Vassar College, <i>Poughkeepsie, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Vermont, State of,	2	
— Asylum for the Insane, <i>Brattleboro'</i> ,		1
— State Library,	5	1
Vermont Record and Farmer, The, Publisher, <i>Brattleboro'</i> ,	1	
Veterans' National Committee, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Vibbert, <i>Rev.</i> G. H.,	2	101
Vinton, Frederic, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Wabash College, <i>Crawfordsville, Ind.</i> ,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Wadman, Theoph. G.,	2	
Wallace, Capt. W., <i>U. S. Marine Corps</i> , 3 newspapers, 1 medal,	2	1
Waltham. Public Library,		4
Ware, Rev. John F. W.,		1
Ware, William,		8
Warner, Hermann J., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	238	55
Warner, Hon. Oliver,	32	46
Warren, Hon. G. Washington,	1	
Warren, J. Collins, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Washington, <i>D. C.</i> , Board of Trustees of Public Schools,	1	
Watertown, Free Public Library,		1
Watson, Winslow, <i>M.</i> , <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Webster, Warren, <i>M. D.</i> , <i>U. S. A.</i> , <i>Fort Independence</i> ,	1	
Weld, Theodore D., <i>Hyde Park</i> ,		1
Wells, S. R., <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Wenzel, Iwan,	3	
Wesleyan University, <i>Middletown, Conn.</i> ,		1
Western Farmer, The, Publisher, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> ,	1	
Western Lunatic Asylum, <i>Staunton, Va.</i> ,		1
Westford, Town of,		2
Wheeler, William A., 11 numbers of periodicals, 1 map,	8	207
White, James C., <i>M. D.</i> , 15 numbers of periodicals, 1 broadside,		26
White, Mrs. Warren, 361 numbers of periodicals, 475 news- papers,	74	120
Whiteley, John, <i>Shirley Village</i> ,	4	
Whiting, Hon. William,	1	
Whitney, Rev. F. A., <i>Allston</i> , 49 numbers of periodicals,		2
Whitney, James L., 3 numbers of periodicals,	3	17
Whitney, Prof. Josiah D., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	3	3
Whitney, Prof. W. D., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		3
Wilder, Prof. Burt G., <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> ,	1	
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P.,		1
Wilkins, E. T., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Sacramento, Cal.</i> ,	1	
Willard, Z. A.,	77	3
Wilcox, E. S., <i>Peoria, Ill.</i> ,	1	
William and Mary, College of, <i>Williamsburg, Va.</i> ,	1	
Williams, J. Otis,		1
Wilson, Hon. Henry, Vice-President of the United States,	8	
Wilson, Henry W., 2 broadsides,		3
Wilson, J. Ormond, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	2	
Winchester, C. T., <i>Middletown, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Wing, Alice M., 5 numbers of periodicals,	14	
Winship, J. P. C., <i>Brighton</i> ,		1
Winsor, Justin,	1	1
Winsor, Nathaniel,		2
Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., <i>Brookline</i> , 1 portrait,		22
Wisconsin. Academy of Arts and Sciences, <i>Madison</i> ,	2	1
—— Historical Society, 1 broadside,	8	12
—— Institution for the Blind, <i>Janesville</i> ,		1
—— State Agriculture Society, <i>Madison</i> ,	3	
Withington, Joseph C.,	5	
Woburn, Town Clerk,	1	

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DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,		1
Wood, Minard,	1	
Woods, Joseph E.,	1	
Worcester. City Clerk,	1	
— Free Public Library,		1
Wright, Col. Albert J.,	14	
Wright and Potter,	1	
Wyman, Morrill, <i>M. D., Cambridge</i> ,	1	
Yale College. <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		1
— Linonian and Brothers' Library,	1	

APPENDIX XII.

CIRCULATION.

(Books issued. No account is made of the great use of books within the Library rails.)

Year.	TOTAL CIRCULATION.				BATES HALL.					LOWER HALL.					EAST BOSTON BRANCH.				SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.										
	No. of days open.	Issues.	Daily average.	Largest No. in one day.	Date of last column.	Home issues.	Hall issues.	Total issues.	Daily average.	In total issues.	In Hall issues.	In Home issues.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	White slips.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.	Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.	Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.
a 1854	142	35,380	250	535	Spt. 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35,389	250	535	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1855	286	81,281	284	606	Feb. 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81,281	284	606	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1856	284	82,661	291	647	Feb. 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82,661	291	647	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1857	288	89,423	310	730	Jan. 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89,423	310	730	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
b 1858	197	75,570	383	693	Feb. 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75,570	383	693	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1859	254	149,468	588	1,335	Mar. 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	149,468	588	1,335	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1860	297	151,020	508	1,052	Feb. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	151,020	508	1,052	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1861	274	160,877	587	1,303	Feb. 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	160,877	587	1,303	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1862	288	180,302	626	1,517	Mar. 1	7,400	10,283	17,683	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	162,639	585	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
c 1863	215	138,027	644	1,534	Feb. 7	5,222	7,124	12,346	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	126,681	586	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1864	280	184,035	664	1,424	Feb. 27	7,468	11,057	18,525	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	165,510	591	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1865	275	194,627	708	1,464	Nov. 19	10,371	13,090	23,461	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	171,166	622	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1866	278	193,862	732	1,589	Feb. 10	9,763	10,438	20,201	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	173,661	635	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1867	277	208,963	754	1,813	Feb. 23	13,696	11,553	25,249	92	..	..	..	..	..	..	183,714	662	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1868	279	175,727	630	1,323	Feb. 1	17,020	16,854	33,874	121	332	250	161	141,833	508	1,050	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
d 1869	284	218,677	770	1,498	Feb. 20	23,203	19,702	42,905	151	307	164	178	176,772	619	1,239	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
f 1870	230	210,963	917	1,768	Feb. 19	25,996	21,601	47,597	207	441	191	283	161,631	703	1,385	1,735	163,366	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1871	307	332,445	965	1,866	Jan. 28	31,090	34,225	65,295	212	467	242	242	227,579	741	1,413	3,631	231,110	25,151	1,835	586	979	26,130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1872	308	380,343	1,234	2,425	Mar. 16	23,159	27,062	50,251	163	286	230	184	248,029	903	1,472	6,217	254,246	74,804	243	609	1,042	75,846	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1873	308	467,855	1,519	3,073	p	28,261	31,003	59,264	192	388	221	204	230,111	772	1,443	7,946	238,057	67,754	622	538	458	68,212	101,688	320	684	634	102,322	..	

The figures for 1873 in the Central Library have been diminished by the alterations in the two halls during the year; and the drawing off of the South-Boston users has hardly been counterbalanced by new readers as yet.

a Six months. b Removal of the library. c Ten months. d Eleven months (library not closed for examination). e New restrictions put upon costly books. f Nine months. g Central library only. A If the issues at East Boston be excluded, this footing would be 296,315; and if hall issues be excluded, there will be record of 293,710 volumes used at home. j Open seventy-eight days. m See report for 1868. n Includes was open only 307 days, owing to repairs on furnace. p Includes the largest of each department on any day, without regard to its being the same day, as in previous entries under this head.

APPENDIX XIII.

LOWER HALL.

Books returned for each month. (Books issued appear in Appendix XII.)

MONTHS.	1873-78.				MONTHS.	1871-72. (12 mos.)		1870-71. (12 mos.)		1869-70. (9 mos.)		1868-69. (11 mos.)		1867-68. (11 mos.)	
	Home use.	Hall use. (white slip)	Hall use. (green slip)	Total.		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
May	17,976	874	611	19,390	May	18,522	18,327	. . . . .	18,268	13,883	14,268	13,883	13,883	13,883	13,883
June	14,842	736	386	15,464	June	16,284	16,601	. . . . .	12,620	12,876	12,620	12,620	12,876	12,876	12,876
July	14,367	703	396	15,555	July	15,861	14,178	. . . . .	13,004	11,518	13,004	13,004	11,518	11,518	11,518
August	14,889	704	417	16,070	August	15,939	14,338	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
September	15,037	859	487	16,383	September	16,809	16,063	12,779	8,641	3,916	8,641	12,779	3,916	10,715	10,715
October	17,028	1,029	483	18,540	October	19,408	19,121	15,178	14,403	10,075	14,403	15,178	10,075	12,606	12,606
November	17,976	1,183	532	19,690	November	20,647	19,839	17,119	16,571	13,213	16,571	17,119	13,213	12,606	12,606
December	17,804	1,280	568	19,652	December	23,120	21,896	18,721	19,194	14,497	19,194	18,721	14,497	13,213	13,213
January	19,481	1,409	618	21,408	January	25,280	23,461	20,907	19,641	16,526	19,641	20,907	16,526	14,497	14,497
February	17,991	1,460	604	20,055	February	24,457	23,508	21,077	18,794	17,057	18,794	21,077	17,057	16,526	16,526
March	21,098	1,726	657	23,481	March	26,048	24,253	22,768	19,969	16,686	19,969	22,768	16,686	17,057	17,057
April	19,384	1,455	653	21,492	April	23,193	20,124	20,815	16,426	. . . . .	16,426	20,815	. . . . .	16,686	16,686
Total	207,382	13,547	6,211	227,140	Total	246,598	228,706	161,503	173,431	141,853	173,431	161,503	141,853	141,853	141,853

NOTE.— *W* *A* *D* *E* slips are used for drawing books for home use, or hall use, one at a time. When books are drawn for reference, *green* slips are used, and several volumes may be in use in hall by one person at the same time by means of these slips.

APPENDIX XIV.

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1869-67, had 52,829 names.		THIRD REGISTRATION.						
			1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	Totals.
I.	Applications.	<i>Central Library</i>	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,096	6,688	6,670	45,578
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	2,320	993	828	4,139
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	232	3,094	3,326
		<i>Total</i>	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	10,592	53,043
II.	Applications sent to Police. (for verification when needed.)	<i>Central Library</i>	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	3,419	17,511
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,012	474	266	1,752
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	645	645
		<i>Total</i>	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,052	3,350	4,330	19,908
III.	Cards Refused. (mostly for non-residency or under age.)	<i>Central Library</i>	233	202	179	241	267	233	1,410
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	80	28	10	118
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	64	64
		<i>Total</i>	233	202	179	321	295	307	1,592
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	<i>Central Library</i>	852	589	404	393	439	409	3,086
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	117	161	93	361
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	179	179
		<i>Total</i>	852	589	404	510	590	681	3,626
V.	Applications Cancelled. (Six months on file, and one month longer after notice.)	<i>Central Library</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	264	196	1,675
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	82	46	137
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	82	82
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	346	323	1,884
VI.	Cards in use (deducting Classes III and V).	<i>Central Library</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	30,150	36,307	42,493	...
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	2,240	3,123	3,894	...
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	3,180	...
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	32,390	39,430	49,567	...

APPENDIX XIV. — *Continued.*

MEMORANDA.

MEMORANDA.	1872.	1873.		
		Central Library.	E. B.	S. B.
Largest weekly number of applicants .	202	204	34	197
Month of this last	Oct.	Nov.	.....	May
Smallest weekly number of applicants .	56	58	2	17
Month of this last	May	June	.....	Dec.
Weekly average	128	128	16	60
Largest daily number	39	46	14	53
Date of same	Feb. 23.	Sept. 23.	Feb. 1.	May 11.
Smallest daily number	2	1	0	2
Date of same	Sept. 13.	May 30.	.....	May 30.
Dorchester applicants*	295	285	.....	.....
Cards reported lost	2,493	2,483	402	711
Of these replaced	1,636	1,701	209	512
Cards detained for fines	273	350	382	192
Cancellation warnings	327	241	51	112
Of these cards called for	63	45		

* The number of Dorchester applicants reported in 1870 was 565; in 1871, 293, making with the above, to date, 1,438.

APPENDIX XV.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED. USE OF BRITISH PATENTS, AND TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED.			USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.					
	Total recom- mended.	Already in Library.	Received since.	Persons.	Hours use.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.	Coylsts.
						Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
1864.	123	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1865.	221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1866.	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1867.	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1868.	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869.	178	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1860.	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1861.	116	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1862.	204	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1863.	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1864.	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1865.	58	...	...	182	243	...	...	...	...	...	...
1866.	306	...	...	187	248	...	...	...	...	...	...
1867.	546	95	260	197	248	...	...	...	...	...	...
1868.	1,120	183	423	269	367	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869.	1,178	226	535	361	589	...	...	...	...	...	...
1870 (nine months)	1,231	257	448	346	389	...	...	...	...	...	...
1871.	1,965	418	549	347	301	...	...	...	...	...	...
1872.	*1,576	334	756	642	815	...	...	...	...	812	3
1873.	1,625	339	753	978	1,901	119	221	142	160	642	4

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended," the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended," does not appear in this table. For instance, of the 1,120 — (183 + 423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

* The partial disuse of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

Patents. — The American and French Patents have been placed in an alcove contiguous to the room of the British Patents, and the whole collection put in charge of a curator. No record is made of the use of either the American or French Patents.

Engravings. — These are shown by the Curator, Mondays and Saturdays; and the statistics refer only to the bound volumes, not to those framed and on the walls.

APPENDIX XVI.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.										
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . .	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12	19
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13	10	12
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . .	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	5
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature .	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . .	.4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3	4
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2
Greek, Latin, and Philology	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Transactions	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1	1
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10	8
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11	10
Natural History and Science	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14	10
Medicine	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9	8
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	5
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound . . .	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3	2

NOTE. — In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix IX.

The want of a Catalogue to the Spanish books of the Ticknor Library has continued to prevent any use of those books which would enter into the statistics.

During a considerable part of the year the last nine classes were partially inaccessible on account of the alterations in the Hall, which has caused the unusual diminution of the percentage of use of those classes.

APPENDIX XVII.

LOWER HALL READING.

Class No.	ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1868.		1869.		1870. (Nine months.)		1871.		1872.		1873.	
			Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX.	Sciences, Arts, Professions . .	10,522	7.4	11,456	6.97	7,607	4.9	12,662	5.7	15,996	6	12,757	6+
2	II, XII.	American History and Politics	2,533	1.8	2,682	1.63	2,071	1.4	2,270	1	2,066	-1	1,496	1
3	IX, XIX.	Foreign History and Politics .	3,030	2.1	3,221	1.96	2,386	1.5	2,702	1.3	2,715	1+	1,863	1
4	III, XIII.	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Miscellaneous, Essays, etc. . . .	3,692	2.6	2,461	1.5	2,441	1.5	5,954	2.7	8,019	4	7,651	7
5	IV, XIV.	Prose Fiction for adults and youths	105,227	74.2	125,273	76.36	120,355	78.4	167,604	77.2	173,438	76	154,935	74
6	VII, XVII.	Biography	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.78	4,025	2.7	5,108	2.2	4,106	2	2,941	1
7	V, XV.	Travel, Voyages, etc.	3,239	2.3	5,363	3.26	5,154	3.4	6,062	2.8	4,998	3	3,031	1
8	VI, XVI.	Collections, Periodicals, etc. .	5,941	4.2	4,550	2.77	5,747	3.8	11,530	5.2	14,315	6	17,167	8
9	VIII, XVIII. . . .	French, German, and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	4,451	2	2,691	1+	5,341	2
10	X, XX, except ranges 8, 9, 10 .		141,853	...	164,038	...	153,423	...	216,096	...	228,964	...	207,382	...

NOTE. — The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVIII.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1871. (8 mos.)		1879.		1878.	
			Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.
I.	10,11,12,19,21	Biography	669	3	1,104	1	729	1
II.	4,33	Collections, Libraries, etc.	553	2	1,002	1	632	1
III.	24,26,28,29,30,32,34	Fiction in Prose	8,563	36	31,087	43	30,373	45
IV.	27	Foreign Books	27	-1	57	..	62	..
V.	13,14,16,35	History.	1,006	5	1,819	2	1,197	2
VI.	1,2	Juvenile books	6,639	28	25,855	35	26,411	37
VII.	15,20	Miscellaneous	747	3	1,256	2	798	1+
VIII.	5,6,7,17,37,39,40,41	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	1,119	5	4,009	6	3,914	6
IX.	16,22	Poetry and Drama	2,071	9	2,447	4	1,131	-3
X.	3,36,38	Sciences, Arts, Professions	883	3	2,057	3	1,527	2
XI.	8,9,23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5	2,296	3	1,863	3
		Total	23,575	..	73,639	..	67,637	..

NOTE.—The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether, fiction, history, biography, etc., would require.

APPENDIX XIX.

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	Books returned.	Per-centage.
I.	15,16	American History and Biography	2,604	-3
II.	5,6,7,8	Foreign History and Biography . .	1,867	2
III.	33,34,36	Travel, Voyages	3,054	3+
IV.	18,23,29,32	Professions	349	-1
V.	25	Poetry and Drama	1,909	2
VI.	31,39	Arts and Sciences	3,373	3+
VII.	3,4,17,20,27,30,35 . . .	Miscellanies, Collections, etc. . . .	3,162	3+
VIII.	1,2,19	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	4,140	4+
IX.	11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,26	Fiction and Juveniles	76,222	78
X.	10	Patents	26	} -1
XI.	40	Foreign languages	91	
		Total	96,797	. .

The grouping of the classifications is varied a little from that in the table for East Boston, in order to show the classes of reading in somewhat different relations.

APPENDIX XX.

PERIODICAL READING ROOMS.

PERIODICALS.	1867.				1868.				1869.				1870.				1871.				1872.				1873.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			

5. Illustrated and Foreign Papers	12	17	14	14	21	2	23	26	2	28	33	2	4	..	39
6. Commercial	9	9	11	11	20	1	31	32	..	32	16	..	..	..	16
7. Fashion	6	6	8	8	8	2	10	9	6	14	9	5	3	..	17
8. Illustrated Comic Magazines	3	3	5	5	4	..	4	4	1	5	6	1	1	..	7
9. Juveniles	3	4	8	8	11	3	14	14	6	19	13	4	4	..	21
10. Fine Arts	3	4	4	4	12	1	13	14	1	15	14	2	1	..	17
Total excluding duplicates	208	254	294	304	374	23	402	389	37	426	398	39	37	..	474
STATISTICS OF USE.															
Number of days open	289	300	†299	†290	307	130	..	308	308	308	320	319	||328	..	..
Total readers	55,284	\$76,892	\$91,674	117,202	183,084	10,383	108,417	157,088	14,451	171,519	177,512	14,694	26,332	..	218,538
Daily average readers	191	256	306	510	590	79	675	510	47	537	555	43	80	..	673
Magazines read, total	81,783	88,084	136,122	142,962	243,169	25,981	299,150	227,958	26,201	254,159	213,599	28,152	46,711	..	238,462
Magazines read, daily average	283	293	455	622	792	200	992	740	85	825	697	83	142	..	897

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List, a second edition of which was published during the year.

† Eleven months and no vacation.

‡ Nine months.

§ This includes for 1868, 2,120, and for 1869, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made.

|| This includes 8 days that the Reading Room of the S. B. Branch was open between April 22 and April 30, 1872, which were not included in last year's figures. It also includes, as do the figures for the other Reading Rooms, the 12 Sundays when the rooms were opened from 12 to 9 P. M.

APPENDIX XXI.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1907.			1908.			1909.			1910.		
		Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	16,632	2,008	9,903	11,911	2,873	10,551	13,124	2,607	9,313	11,920		
2	Books returned after notice	14,203	1,925	8,554	11,479	2,480	10,133	12,613	2,500	8,919	11,419		
3	Books sent for by messenger	1,449	83	349	432	93	418	511	107	394	501		
4	Books recovered by messenger		81	322	403	90	401	491	101	374	475		
5	Books not recovered	231	2	33	35	3	17	20	6	20	26		
6	Books condemned	490		257	267	2	259	261		212	212		
7	Books covered			35,241	35,241		23,826	23,826		24,639	24,639		
8	Persons finable not paying messenger			86	86		75	75	7	80	87		
9	Fines collected by messenger		\$19 12	\$96 01	\$86 73	\$23 45	\$93 65	\$122 10	\$24 75	\$83 62	\$108 37		
10	Fines uncollected by messenger		\$7 06	\$42 20	\$49 26	\$7 56	\$33 21	\$40 77	\$7 88	\$33 77	\$41 65		
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger				\$11 96			\$10 53			\$14 45		
12	Cost of mail notices (<i>five cents each</i>)		\$110 40	\$406 15	\$605 55	\$128 65	\$527 55	\$656 20	\$130 35	\$456 65	\$596 00		
13	Residences changed without notice				58			92			57		

Class No.	CLASSES.	1871.				1872.				1873.					
		B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Total.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	3,698	14,606	396	18,700	2,962	16,061	2,845	21,868	3,612	16,891	3,110	8,578	. . . .	27,191
2	Books returned after notice	3,527	13,937	392	17,856	2,810	15,281	2,804	20,872	3,447	16,824	3,009	3,466	. . . .	25,746
3	Books sent for by messenger	171	669	4	844	152	800	41	993	165	1,067	101	112	. . . .	1,445
4	Books recovered by messenger	157	645	3	805	146	769	41	956	160	1,011	99	107	. . . .	1,377
5	Books not recovered	14	24	1	39	6	31	. . . .	37	5	56	2	5	. . . .	68
6	Books condemned . . . . .	. . . .	1,233	1	1,234	. . . .	819	50	869	. . . .	679	95	71	5	855
7	Books covered . . . . .	. . . .	61,537	2,647	64,184	. . . .	64,804	16,911	81,805	. . . .	47,956	23,808	31,193	3,600	106,557
8	Persons finable not paying messenger	22	173	1	196	30	266	12	308	53	325	27	60	. . . .	465
9	Fines collected by messenger	\$48 88	\$135 19	\$0 63	\$184 07	\$34 88	\$169 57	\$9 75	\$214 20	\$46 48	\$218 04	\$24 07	\$16 00	. . . .	\$304 59
10	Fines uncollected by messenger	\$19 62	\$79 12	\$0 34	\$98 74	\$10 64	\$83 96	\$2 63	\$107 23	\$21 21	\$128 58	\$9 97	\$21 60	. . . .	\$181 36
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	. . . .	\$24 76	. . . .	\$24 76	. . . .	\$22 26	. . . .	\$22 26	. . . .	\$25 11	\$0 20	\$0 96	. . . .	\$26 27
12	Cost of mail notices (five cents each)	\$184 90	\$730 30	\$19 80	\$935 00	\$148 10	\$803 05	\$142 25	\$1,093 40	\$180 60	\$844 55	\$155 20	\$178 90	. . . .	\$1,359 25
13	Residences changed without notice . . . . .	. . . .	116	. . . .	116	. . . .	98	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	270	71	4	. . . .	345
14	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	2,669	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	3,219	2,643	2,541	549	614	113	6,460

APPENDIX XXII.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GENERAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT.	Expended Oct. 1, 1867, to Sept. 30, 1868.	City appro- priation Oct. 1, 1868, to April 30, 1869.	Expended Oct. 1, 1868, to Aug. 31, 1869.	City appro- priation May 1, 1869, to April 30, 1870.	Expended Sept. 1, 1869, to April 30, 1870.	1870-71.		1871-72.		1872-73.			Paid into City Treas- ury from fines and sale of Cat- alogues.
						City ap- propriat's	Expended.	City ap- propriat's	Expended.	City appro- priations.	Expended.	Fellowed Athenaeum.	
Binding	\$4,067 29	\$3,550	\$5,167 70	\$5,000	\$3,477 00	\$4,400	\$5,231 38	\$5,200	\$5,569 12	\$4,000†	\$2,511 10	1859	\$437 80
Books	11,476 75	6,500	12,002 26	6,500	9,435 39	7,500	12,109 68	9,000	14,538 60	9,000	12,677 89	1860	450 00
Periodicals*	1,665 95		2,561 32		778 01		1,979 63		3,130 08		1,895 84	1861	246 84
Catalogues (printing)	2,004 16	5,000	2,001 39	5,500	4,472 02	4,800	3,453 62	5,700	3,731 85	5,500	3,963 16	1862	350 00
Expense	1,348 02	1,500	1,578 30	1,800	2,551 86	1,600	1,673 90	2,000	2,487 04	2,000	2,628 59	1863	528 49
Fuel	193 50	1,500	1,132 00	1,500	1,287 00	1,800	1,068 80	1,650	1,566 20	1,650	1,543 75	1864	314 60
Furniture (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.)	1,984 81	1,000	1,506 05	1,500	2,379 66	1,800	1,982 08	1,650	2,012 88	1,500	1,662 90	1865	385 54
Gas	1,644 46	2,000	1,779 04	2,250	1,498 74	1,700	2,041 76	2,200	2,303 98	2,500	2,425 45	1866	233 92
Printing (miscellaneous)	1,507 07	1,000	1,700 26	1,000	1,414 96	1,700	2,247 28	2,300	2,299 14	4,000	4,217 59	1867	504 18
Stationery	1,172 14	1,200	812 86	1,200	634 46	1,050	1,303 95	1,400	1,537 44			1868	507 72
Salaries	23,285 47	25,000	22,655 93	25,000	18,646 36	30,000	29,074 00	35,000	34,507 71	39,650	38,252 45	1869	659 85
Transportation, Postage, etc.	633 14	750	782 79	750	1,339 86	700	947 22	1,000	1,210 85	1,200	1,213 57	1870	996 63
BRANCHES.													
Books and Periodicals						East Bo ston Br.				8th Boston and Rox.			
Fixtures, Catalogues, Print'g, etc													
Salaries													
Totals	\$50,932 76	\$50,000	\$53,679 90	\$55,000	\$47,910 35	\$55,000	\$70,448 70	\$57,000	\$74,924 84	\$91,000	\$96,498 01	\$2,181 10	
										{ S. B. 8,000 Rox. 8,000	8,037 76	1871	1,160 00
						4,250	\$3,899 69			{ S. B. 4,500 Rox. 4,500	2,374 10		
						1,700	2,328 41			{ S. B. 4,500 Rox. 4,500	4,669 80	1872	1,472 44
						3,009	1,117 35			{ S. B. 2,500 Rox. 2,500	595 25		
										{ S. B. 2,500 Rox. 2,500	2,965 43	1873	1,631 79
											268 88		

* The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for Books.

† The appropriation for binding before this year had included the salaries of the workmen in the Bindery, but is now charged to the appropriation for salaries.

‡ This includes \$1,329 32 paid for Catalogue work (destroyed by the fire in November, 1872), under a vote of the City Council.

§ Includes Catalogues, the cost of which is not included in the following \$2,323 41.

NOTE. — The expenditures for books cover the cost of those charged to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City and also includes such as are bought with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills amounting substantially to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning in January and May. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The money for Books bought on account of the Fellowes Athenaeum is spent under the direction of the Book Committee of the Trustees of the Fellowes Fund.

APPENDIX XXIII.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Assistant Superintendent.*

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Principal Assistant.*

Miss A. A. Nichols, *Accountant.*

John Barry, *Superintendent's Runner.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Chief.*

James L. Whitney, *Principal Assistant*; Max Auerbach, *Assistant and Curator of Patent Room*; J. Otis Williams, *Curator of Pamphlets and Engravings*; William H. Foster, *Proof-Reader.*

Mrs. R. M. Eastman, *Extra Work*; Miss M. E. Joslyn, *Assistant*; Miss A. B. Loud, *Pamphlets*; Miss A. P. Call, *Cataloguer for Branches*; Miss Margaret W. McGrath, *Curator of Public Card Catalogue.*

Miss Alice M. Porée, *Lower Hall Assistant.*

ORDERING AND RECEIVING DEPARTMENT.

Miss HARRIET N. PIKE, *Chief Clerk.*

Miss Mary A. McGrath, *Assistant*; Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, *Newspapers and Duplicates*; Ellen Stevenson, *Attendant.*

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. L. T. BARTON, *Custodian.*

Appleton P. C. Griffin, *Assistant Custodian*; Annie M. Kennedy, *Assistant.*

BATES HALL DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH SYKES, *Keeper.*

Charles A. Wilson, *Assistant Keeper*; Miss L. S. Norton, Miss E. T. Hill, *Assistants.*

Charles H. Guinness, John Bresnahan, Charles M. Stimpson, *Runners.*

LOWER HALL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD CAPEN, *Keeper.*

Miss Elizabeth S. Haley, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Lydia F. Knowles, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Lucy A. W. Guinness, *Keeper's Clerk*; Miss Elizabeth Ross, Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, Ellen E. Bresnahan, *Assistants.*

Eliza F. Cotter (*monitor*), Ellen F. McCarthy, Ella Sturmy, Henrietta E. Mack (*extra*), Florence E. Guinness (*extra*), *Runners.*

Elbridge Bradshaw, *Registration Clerk*.

Miss Matilda J. Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk*.

Miss Caroline E. Porée, *Reading Room Attendant*.

EVENING SERVICE. J. M. W. Pratt, *Registration Clerk*; F. G. Pratt, jr., *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Catharine McGrath, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Amelia McGrath, *Assistant*; W. F. Robinson, *Reading Room Attendant*; Charles H. and Otis K. Moses, *Runners*.

SUNDAY SERVICE. W. F. Robinson, *Reading Room Attendant*.

JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor*.

Thomas Collins, *Assistant*.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

FRANK P. HATHAWAY, *Foreman*.

Andrew M. Blake, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, *Assistants*.

NOTE. — The binderies of Theodore Jackson, Jerome Seidensticker and G. H. Plattich are also employed.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH.

Miss SARAH C. GODBOLD, *Librarian*.

Miss Mary R. Pray, Miss A. M. Wing, *Assistants*.

Mary E. Cathcart, *Runner*.

G. H. Hosea, *Janitor*.

Misses Mary Lennon, Martha Hill, Emma Pond, G. Chilcott, and Kate Greene, *Substitutes and extra Assistants*.

Mrs. M. L. George, *Sunday Service*.

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

Mrs. ANNA C. D. KEEN, *Librarian*.

Miss Clara F. Mulloy, Miss L. Anna Baldwin, *Assistants*.

H. E. McCarthy, *Runner*.

Joseph Baker, *Janitor*.

Misses E. A. Eaton (*also Sunday Service*), A. Bragdon, E. Watson, H. Twing, and M. Webster, *Substitutes and extra Assistants*.

ROXBURY BRANCH.

Miss H. C. PRICE, *Librarian*.

Mrs. Julia A. Nye, Miss Marietta Goldsmith, *Assistants*.

Margaret E. Blood, *Runner*.

Charles R. Curtis, *Janitor*.

Substitutes and extra assistants not yet engaged.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Lee & Shepard, *Boston*.

Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., and Sampson Low, Marston, Low and Searle,
Boston and London.

Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris*.

Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipsic*.

Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence*.

SUMMARY.

	Regulars.	Extras.
Superintendent	1	
Accountant and Superintendent's Runner	2	
Catalogue Department	10	1
Ordering and Receiving Department	4	
Shelf Department	3	
B. H. Circulating Department	7	
L. H. Circulating Department, Day Service	14	2
L. H. Circulating Department, Evening and Sunday Service		7
Janitorial Department	2	
Binding Department	3	
East Boston Branch	5	6
South Boston Branch	5	5
Roxbury Branch	5	
Totals	61	21
	21	
Grand Total	82	

APPENDIX XXIV.

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

To the Superintendent: —

SIR, — The report which I now present includes the results of the examination of the Central Library, since the repairs have been completed, and also the second report upon the East Boston Branch, and the first report upon the South Boston Branch.

Owing to the alterations in progress in the Bates Hall last year, it was impossible to conduct a minute examination of that portion of the Library, and the usual report in detail was omitted. The present report, therefore, covers the period that has elapsed since April 30, 1871. Within this period, the books on each side of the Hall have been twice moved, and numerous misplacements resulting therefrom have rendered the present examination more than usually perplexing.

In the Bates Hall there were missing from the shelves	
at the time of examination	2,786 vols.
Of these there were found, —	
Loaned	758
At the Binder's	546
Otherwise accounted for	1,452
	— 2,756 “
Not at present accounted for, —	
Books	29
Maps	1
	— 30 “

It is gratifying to be able to state that not a single volume is missing from either of the Special Libraries, and that the western alcoves, which were the first completed, and have been twice read by the shelf-catalogues, show but eight missing volumes. This is not in excess of former results. The

remainder of the missing volumes belong in the eastern alcoves, more recently completed ; and, as there is no record to show that they have been loaned, it is probable that some of them will be brought to light at another reading of the shelf-catalogues.

One volume reported missing in 1869 and one in 1870 have appeared in their places during the past year.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves

at the time of examination	5,075 vols.
Loaned	4,159
At the Binder's	216
Otherwise accounted for	674
	— 5,048 “

Not at present accounted for, —

Fiction	6
Duplicates of Fiction	11
Miscellaneous	9
	— 26 “

Only two of these volumes have been found loaned during the year ; while nine are recent accessions. Most of them may be accounted for as mis-numbered, an accident which is liable to occur.

None of the volumes have appeared which were reported missing at the last examination ; but four have been found which were missing in 1867, and one which was missing in 1870. All of these volumes were mis-numbered.

The number of books missing from each alcove, is as follows : —

1st alcove	1 vol.	10th alcove	1 vol.
4th “	8 “	11th “	2 “
5th “	1 “	13th “	1 “
6th “	1 “	17th “	1 “
7th “	3 “	20th “	1 “
8th “	1 “	Dup's of 4th alcove	6 “
		Dup's of 4th alcove	6 “

At the East Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . . 1,557 vols.
 Loaned 1,346
 At the Binder's 128
 Otherwise accounted for 77
 ——— 1,551 “

Not at present accounted for, —

Fiction 2
 Juveniles 2
 ——— 4 “

At the South Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . . 2,061 vols.
 Loaned 1,810
 At the Binder's 194
 Otherwise accounted for 57
 ——— 2,061 “

I have also to report that there are no books of reference at present missing from the Bates Hall desk, and that Burke's Dictionary of English peerage, which was reported missing last year, has since been found at the Binder's.

From the desk in the Periodical Reading Room there are missing, —

Arnault's Biographie des Contemporains, vol. 15.
 Haydn's Dictionary of dates.
 Martin's Hand-book of biography.
 Webster's Counting-house dictionary.
 Wheeler's Noted names of fiction.
 Wood and Bache's Dispensatory.

Also, from the S. B. Branch Reading Room, a Catalogue of the E. B. Branch was missing Dec. 24, 1872.

Respectfully submitted.

L. T. BARTON,

Custodian of the Shelves.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 14, 1873.

APPENDIX XXV.

WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

CHARACTER OF WORK.	1870-1.	1871-2.	1872-3.
Bates Hall books bound and finished		2,219	2,008
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches		1,015	744
Books repaired		396	430
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and Branches		490	437
Maps dissected and mounted		47	28
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted		212	165
Pamphlet cases		546	64
Portfolios		5	8
Removable covers for catalogues, and paper covered books		265	263
Maps mounted, bound and bordered		54	41
Hours of miscellaneous work		1,842	2,297

APPENDIX XXVI.

THE BARTON LIBRARY.

PREPARED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEES.

A brief account of the negotiation which ended in the purchase of the Barton Library may not be without interest.

Late in the summer of 1869, Mr. F. W. Christern, the eminent bookseller and agent of the Library in New York, made known to Mr. Winsor, the Superintendent of the Library, the desire of Mrs. Barton to arrange for some satisfactory disposition of the collection formed by her deceased husband. A direct correspondence was opened with her; and in September she visited the Library, and had interviews with the Superintendent and Mr. Ticknor. A valuation was made of her books, shortly after, by two well-known bibliographers, Dr. Joseph G. Cogswell and Mr. Joseph Sabin of New York, and in December her terms were given to the Trustees in the sum of \$45,000 for a collection of books which had cost Mr. Barton more than \$60,000, and which had increased considerably in value since they were purchased. The conditions of sale were substantially those which formed part of the final contract, viz., that the books should be kept together as one collection, and that they should not be loaned from the building. Notwithstanding the liberality of these terms, the want of pecuniary means at the disposal of the Trustees compelled them to decline the offer, and the correspondence terminated in January, 1870.

Two years later negotiations were resumed, and the sum of \$40,000 was named as a basis, with other conditions not previously stated. This amount also could not be obtained from any source accessible to the Trustees. On the 13th April, 1872, so anxious had she become that the collection should be safely placed in the Bates Hall, that she reduced

her price to \$30,000, annexing the new condition that she should retain 1,500 volumes during her lifetime.

This concession was so large that the Trustees determined to make an effort to obtain the amount. So important did the proposed acquisition appear, that they felt justified in arranging to set aside from the interest of the Trust Funds belonging to the Library, in the course of two or three years, the sum of \$10,000 — and that an appeal for the sum of \$20,000 should be made to such friends of education and polite letters in our community as could appreciate the worth of the collection, and might be disposed to contribute to the purchase. Mr. Hillard, of the Board of Trustees, prepared a suitable circular, which was issued on the last of May. Of the sum desired, about \$2,000 only was subscribed; and further action was deferred until the autumn, Mrs. Barton having extended her refusal to Nov. 1st.

This was the condition of affairs on the return of the President of the Board from Europe in September last. It was seen that further steps must be taken if the library was to be secured to Boston. Conferences were held with the Mayor, and the Committee upon the Public Library of the City Government, whereby the co-operation of the City was to be arranged, and a further extension of time was obtained to the first of January.

Just as a plan was matured, which met the approval of the Trustees and of the committee, the disastrous fire of November removed all hope of immediate assistance from the City Treasury; and they withdrew from the negotiation, informing Mrs. Barton that if the events of the future should improve their condition, and the library still remained in her possession, they should desire to reopen a correspondence.

Most unexpectedly to the Trustees, the correspondence was reopened by Mrs. Barton in February of the present year, when she informed them, through their Superintendent, that other parties were moving to obtain possession of her collec-

tion ; while at the same time she reiterated her preferences for the Boston Public Library, and inquired whether we had relinquished all expectation of acquiring it.

A new effort was made, which, by the unanimous consent of all interests concerned, proved successful ; and on the 27th of March, a contract was signed by both parties, in which she agreed to sell to the Public Library of the City of Boston her collection for the sum of \$34,000, upon the following conditions : —

1st. The collection is to be kept in a separate alcove or alcoves or apartments of the Boston Public Library building, and is to be known and designated as the "Barton Library," which name shall be placed over the alcoves or room containing said collection.

2d. None of the books shall be loaned or permitted to be taken out of the Library, but the entire collection shall be kept and used for reference in the Library only.

3d. A book-plate, of which the design shall be selected by Mrs. Barton, shall be engraved and provided by the Library, and pasted in each volume of the collection.

4th. The Library shall cause a catalogue of the collection to be prepared so as to embody the information contained in Mr. Barton's catalogue, and shall cause the same to be printed and published as a separate catalogue within four years from the date of contract.

By the fourth article of the contract, it was further agreed that the books, about one hundred in number, the personal property of Mrs. Barton before the death of her husband, were not to be included in the sale.

The fifth article gave Mrs. Barton permission to retain during her lifetime about 800 volumes, which upon her decease were to revert to the Library.

It will be noticed that the price finally agreed upon was larger than the one previously named. This had arisen from the fact that private circumstances, which she made known

to the Trustees, had rendered it necessary on her part to increase the sum at which she could in justice to herself dispose of the library.

Early in May the delivery of the books from her house in New York city began, which was completed before the close of the month, by the despatch of four cases from Montgomery Place, her residence at Barrytown, on the Hudson, whither had been sent from New York, a few days previously, five cases containing her own books, and the others to be retained by her during her lifetime. The whole library was packed in about seventy cases.

Within two days after this fulfilment of the agreement, Mrs. Barton, early on the morning of the 22d May, suddenly died at Montgomery Place.

This bare narration gives no idea of the generous spirit with which this most estimable lady carried forward every step of the contract. The library had been left to her by her husband's will, without condition, to do with as she pleased. But she knew that his desire had been that the labor of his lifetime should not be lost by the separation of his dearly prized books, and she determined that his wishes should be literally carried out. In doing this, she gave to the Barton Library everything in her possession which could add value to the collection, — the correspondence, autographs, and plates, which would illustrate and complete it. She added a mask of Shakespeare's face, taken at Mr. Barton's expense from the monument at Stratford on Avon, and a statuette of Richard III, the work of Rogers.

NOTE. — Of the sum of \$34,000, the price to be paid under the contract for the Barton Library, \$15,000 was directly appropriated for the purpose, by the City Council; \$10,000 was drawn from a sum at the disposal of the Trustees in the City Treasury; and the balance of \$9,000 is to be paid previous to the first of January, 1874.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1874.



CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, July 10, 1874.

His Honor, Samuel C. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In conformity with the requirements of the fourth section of an Ordinance concerning the Public Library, passed September 21, 1869, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Twenty-second Annual

REPORT,

being the fifth made under the new Ordinance, and including the results of administration for the year ending on the 30th April last.

The reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent of the Library are herewith appended.

The Examining Committee appointed in conformity with the Ordinance, consisted of W.C. Collar, Esq., Dr. Thomas B. Curtis, Rev. Charles E. Grinnell, Hon. Francis B. Hayes, Hon. Geo. Lunt, with the President of the Board as Chairman. This Committee, appointed at the usual time, selected from citizens at large, was unable, from various personal engagements, to attend to the duties assigned them, until the month of June was nearly over. Their Report passes in review the administration of the Library as performing its functions of circulation and consultation, and examines the relations of the Superintendent and of the administrative force of the institution to the work of extending, so far as practicable, the uses of the Library to all classes of the popula-

tion. It is gratifying to the Board of Trustees that they speak in such a favorable manner of the whole system of management and its results.

Of the Superintendent's Report, hereto annexed, it may justly be said that, with its Appendixes, it furnishes the full account of the manifold operations of the Library during the year, and embraces in systematic arrangement the facts important to the public and to kindred institutions. With the addition of the Branches, the tabulations increase annually in extent and value, and are already recognized at home and abroad as among the best contributions to library statistics. A full examination of these pages is essential in order to obtain even in a moderate degree a comprehension of the nature of the work performed in the various departments of administration, and also of the character of its relations to the various communities which it now serves.

It is gratifying to state that all the recommendations with regard to the building made by the Trustees to the City Council have been substantially met; and that its safety from fire both from without and within is, so far as practicable, secured. When the house and grounds adjacent to the Library, purchased in 1872 as a provision needed for its extension, are used for the purposes required, still further security will be obtained.

The Branch service of the institution continues to perform its important and popular functions. During the past year the Roxbury Branch, in connection with the Fellows Athenæum, entered upon its work, and by the annexation of Charlestown and Brighton the Trustees received as a portion of their responsibilities the charge of the free Libraries already established in those precincts. The regulations and by-laws controlling the principal Library and also the Branches already in operation, have been extended to the government of these accessions, and in time all the details of administration will

conform to one common system. The arrangements for proper supervision on the part of the Trustees and of the Superintendent have been carefully made, so that the necessary attention shall be given to the peculiar and separate necessities of the smaller libraries. In this connection it cannot be too strongly impressed upon these different communities now united as one whole under the general title of the City of Boston, that it is the earnest desire of this Board, as well as the best policy of the institution, that each Branch and local Library shall be so far the object of esteem and appreciation to the neighborhood to which it ministers, that it shall be the recipient of such measure of benefaction by gift or bequest as generosity may impel, with the certainty that every donation will be faithfully bestowed upon the object in the manner designated.

These popular arms of the Library, including the Lower Hall collection in Boylston street, now contain in the aggregate over 80,000 volumes, and they distributed to readers last year 553,129 books. The great consulting and reference Library in Bates Hall, numbering about 180,000 volumes, was used by 72,313 visitors, exclusive of the examinations made of the Patent Documents. This enormous aggregate of 625,442 of circulation and use includes ten months of the Roxbury Branch, and four months' administration of the Charlestown and Brighton Branches. The largest proportional circulation of books has been at the South Boston Branch, where each volume went out on the average a fraction over nineteen times.

To the total number of volumes in all the collections given in the last report, 209,456, there has been added during the year the unprecedented number of 51,094 volumes, an increase of nearly twenty-five per cent., making a grand total of 260,550 volumes. This is mainly due to the accession of the Charlestown Library, with its 15,788 volumes, of the Holton

Library at Brighton, with 11,037 volumes, and of the 12,057 volumes of the Barton Library. These additions in value and importance are not exceeded, if equalled, in the previous annual growth of the institution.

The purchase of the Barton Library, of which the details were given in the last annual report, has proved, on fuller examination, to have been even more fortunate than was anticipated. Aside from the great value of its Shakespearian treasures, the extent and variety of its rare works and of its noble specimens of printing and binding, will make it in the future one of the most attractive points of an institution which has heretofore enjoyed but few opportunities of placing upon its shelves works of similar rarity and value. It will properly be deposited in a room in the new fire-proof addition to the Library building now in process of erection, and to be completed in the late autumn.

The Superintendent of the Library has rendered an invaluable service to the institution and to the community in directing by means of the last Class List in History, Biography, and Travel, the attention of readers to a better order of books than the unassisted knowledge of the great majority of people would have attained. Those who simply read for amusement or occupation will find their objects equally accomplished by a higher grade of literature, if the books can be placed within easy reach. The increased application for better books, due to the last improvements of the modern catalogue, forms a most encouraging feature of the statistics of the free library service during the year just finished. The epigram applied to Dr. Johnson, that he was "a robust genius, born to grapple with whole libraries," finds its modern application in the much improved and speedier processes by which the unlearned, no less than the skilled reader, may easily ascertain the contents of the various departments of the Library.

In this connection, the Trustees are happy to announce that

the long and difficult work of cataloguing the Ticknor Library has been accomplished, and that the Index will go to press in the autumn. A suitable catalogue of so rich and important a collection of Spanish and Portuguese books will form an addition to the bibliography of those languages, most desirable to scholars on both sides of the Atlantic.

But these and other results are not attained without systematized and concentrated labor and skill. The Public Library, with its Branches, employs in the various departments of its work 103 persons. These are necessary to bring up the continuous record to date, to meet the daily demand upon the general resources of the institution, to continue the prompt production of the new books for the purposes of circulation, to provide immediate answer to the questions of inquirers, to do the steady solid work of the cataloguers, and to cover the multifarious calls of an organization which necessarily includes for the use of books a larger instrumentality than has hitherto been attempted.

The City Council have made the requisite pecuniary provision for such immediate addition to the building, as will not only suffice for the present necessities of the institution, but will conform also to the prospective needs of the future. The extension and enlargement of the south-west tower will give to the Library the accommodation temporarily required for its binding department, for working rooms for a portion of the staff now scattered among the alcoves and galleries, for the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees, for a fire-proof place of deposit for not only the Prince and Barton Libraries, but also for the card catalogues, and for the invaluable series of American, English, and French Patent Reports. This new erection will make absolutely safe from fire large classes of costly works, including many either not easily obtainable, or almost priceless from rarity, and which constitute no inconsiderable

part of the value of a collection rapidly becoming of national importance.

The statistics of the various reading-rooms show the results reached by this attractive service. So large an amount of intellectual activity has been attached to the apparently ephemeral form of periodical literary production during the past twenty years, that it not unnaturally holds out a strong inducement to readers to obtain by this means, by a moderate amount of exertion, the facts, theories and opinions prominent at the present time in the various departments of art and literature, and to ascertain the latest developments and their value in poetry and fiction. For the most part, it is noticeable that periodicals indicate possibly more quickly than the statistics of circulation the tastes, objects of inquiry and of daily interest, about which each district cares.

Of the Sunday service, it may in general be said that it is not a distinguished success. But to attain this high point in the uses of the institution, no such result is necessary. The fact to be considered is simply whether the use is equivalent in value to the necessary expenditure, and this again is complicated by the question whether the cost of its maintenance is in due proportion to the available resources; but neither of these pecuniary considerations is of sufficient importance at the present time to produce in the minds of the Trustees any question as to the propriety of the continuance of the service. So far as the main and the most extensive reading-room in Boylston street is concerned, observation of the attendance indicates that a very considerable proportion of the frequenters consists of persons who do not or cannot visit the Library on ordinary week-days, such as reporters, mechanics, and those who work early and late in their daily vocation, without the opportunity of any convenient access to the weekly and monthly issues proceeding from the press. In respect to the Branches, this need does not yet

appear to have developed itself to the same extent, and it is yet a question not entirely solved whether any proportional necessity exists for the continuance of the services in their districts.

In concluding this Report, the Trustees can simply say they have endeavored to discharge their duties as prescribed by the Ordinance in extending the uses of the institution as largely as practicable to the inhabitants of Boston. But, in approaching this result, the inevitable conclusion has followed that, in so doing, the Library has become of large importance to numerous classes elsewhere. By the directions of the City Government, its privileges have been extended to numerous individuals, whose use of the same directly tended to the advancement of letters. It is impossible in this day and generation to shut up books, or to say that they shall not be used by any individual to whom they are necessary for special work or general progress in knowledge, simply because they are the trust property of neighboring or remote communities. A book never accomplishes the object of its production unless in the hands of some one who wants it. If any books on our shelves are not habitually needed by our own citizens, it is the part of an enlightened intelligence to endeavor to secure in the future such other safe loaning as shall not cause an increase of expense beyond a point which the City Council may consider as a just contribution on their part to the cultivation of the communities which surround us, and which contribute directly or indirectly to the growth of our metropolis. The Free Library of the City of Manchester, though more limited in its general aims than our Library, distributes its books through several English counties.

But whether this further development may or may not be considered consistent or appropriate, there is no question on the part of the Trustees that the institution has never more fully responded to the demands made upon its resources than

during the year of which the relation is now given. That it may continue to live up to the intellectual, moral and social requirements of the large population which it serves, with the immunity of its property, which is the key and guaranty of its circulation, is a large desire for the future, which it is hoped may be abundantly and trustfully met.

WILLIAM W. GREENOUGH,
CHARLES A. BURDITT,
JOHN T. CLARK,
DANIEL S. CURTIS,
SAMUEL A. GREEN,
GEORGE S. HILLARD,
DAVID P. KIMBALL,
WESTON LEWIS,
GEORGE PUTNAM.

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REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

Consisting of William W. Greenough, Esq., Chairman, with William C. Col-
lar, Esq., Thomas B. Curtis, M. D., the Rev. Charles E. Grinnell, the
Hon. Francis B. Hayes, and the Hon. George Lunt, as citizens at large.

The Committee appointed under an Ordinance in relation to the Public Library passed in September, 1869, to examine the Library, and make a report of its condition to the Trustees, respectfully report : —

The Library has continued to increase rapidly, 51,094 volumes having been added during the last Library year, and the total number of books now reaches 260,550. The number of volumes contained in the Bates Hall has advanced from 149,477 to 166,453 ; the collection in the Lower Hall, on the other hand, shows a slight diminution, the number of books having fallen from 32,605, to 32,596.

The rapid and steady growth of the Library is not the only subject of congratulation which this institution affords to its friends. The total circulation, comprising issues for home and hall use, has increased even more rapidly than the number of volumes. If we examine the figures set forth in the statistical tables, which constitute the appendices to the very valuable and interesting report of the Superintendent of the Library, we find that, during the last three years, the total number of issues for the entire Library has been, successively, in 1872, 380,343 ; in 1873, 467,855 ; and in 1874, 625,442. Now, if for each of these three years, we divide the total number of books contained in the Library, by the

number which represent the daily average of issues, we obtain a fraction which may be taken to represent the working efficiency of the Library, showing in what proportion its available resources are daily called into play. Thus for the year 1872, the fraction so obtained is $\frac{1}{188}$, which signifies that during that year one book out of every 156 books was issued daily. For the year 1873, a similar arithmetical process gives the fraction $\frac{1}{187}$; and for the Library year just expired, the fraction is $\frac{1}{128}$, or, if we subtract the number of volumes comprised in the Barton Library, which are not yet in use, we get the fraction $\frac{1}{122}$, which represents the daily use of the Library. It is thus evident, that while the number of volumes increases from year to year, the total circulation of these volumes increases still more rapidly. This interesting and eminently satisfactory result must, no doubt, be attributed partly to the increased facilities for circulation due to the various improvements introduced in the management of the Library, and to the growing efficiency of the more numerous staff placed under the orders of the Superintendent, and partly to the educational influence exerted by the Library upon the public.

This influence of the Library upon the community opens a very interesting subject of research, and one in regard to which the statistics collected and arranged under the direction of the Superintendent give valuable information, of a most encouraging nature for those who wish to see the literary taste of the public mind raised above its past and present level. It has long been a subject of regret to all who were interested in the Library, that the proportion of merely amusing reading should have been so very large, compared with the use made of the more valuable resources of the Library. Thus, the Lower Hall collection, now comprising 32,596 volumes, of which more than one-third (11,858 volumes) consists of books classified under the heading of "English prose and juvenile fiction," etc., presents a total

yearly circulation reaching 253,097 issues, while the total yearly circulation of the Bates Hall collection, numbering 166,453 volumes, is represented by 72,313 issues. The disproportionate use of these two collections made by the public is very striking, and at first sight very unsatisfactory, when we consider the difference of character of the books which they respectively contain. Each report of preceding Examining Committees has touched upon this subject, and regret has been expressed each year, at the continued and excessive predominance of novel-reading over other forms of literary culture. Your Examining Committee of the year 1874 was also, at first sight, struck by this phenomenon, which mature reflection, assisted by the explanations kindly offered by the Superintendent, showed to be an unavoidable, and not altogether undesirable result of the principles upon which the Library is managed. The main object of our Library is to supply the public at large, of every grade, with such books as it desires, and with the reservation that manifestly bad or vicious books are excluded. This programme is well carried out; books that are asked for, if unobjectionable on the score of immorality, are usually obtained, and if the demand for any particular book exceed the supply, additional copies are got, that no applicant need be denied in the long run what he seeks for at the Library. This policy is pursued in accordance with the conviction entertained by those who have charge of the management of the Library, that in any individual case, novel-reading, or any kind of reading, of however trivial a character, is better than no reading at all, and that books, even of the lightest order, exert upon those who can appreciate no higher kind of literature, a certain educational influence which tends in most cases to better their mental condition. It must not be forgotten that, with regard to a large part of the frequenters of the Library, the alternative is not whether they shall read books of a high or of a low grade, but whether they shall read books of amusing

fiction, or not read at all. Your Committee, on consideration of these facts, has concluded not to deprecate the encouragement of novel-reading; but it, nevertheless, greets with pleasure every sign of improvement in the public taste, and every measure designed to raise the standard of reading. In this connection we find cause for satisfaction in the strikingly beneficial effects produced by the new Class list of books in History, Biography, and Travel, in the Lower Hall, devised by the Superintendent and prepared under his direction. The object of this innovation was to make the lighter literary resources of the Lower Hall a stepping-stone, as it were, to the higher grades of intellectual culture attainable in the Bates Hall. The effect during the last eight months, has been to raise by 75 per cent. the use of books comprised in the departments above specified (*i. e.* History, Biography, and Travel), while the addition to the amount of fiction used has been less than three per cent. We learn, moreover, that this beneficial influence on the frequenters of the Lower Hall has gone on increasing to such an extent that, if we compare the month of June of the last Library year with the month of June just expired, we find in the reading of History, etc., an increase of 200 per cent., while the entire reading of that Hall has only increased $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. beyond the figures of the year before. Besides this effect produced upon the quality of the reading in the Lower Hall, there is no doubt that a considerable number of readers have been led to make use of the Bates Hall collection, who without the assistance of the "Class list" would have remained habitués of the Lower Hall.

We find other grounds for satisfaction if we compare the increase of circulation apparent at the close of the last Library year in the Bates Hall and in the Lower Hall. When speaking of the total daily use of the entire Library, we found a marked increase from year to year, as shown by the series of fractions $\frac{1}{158}$, $\frac{1}{137}$ and $\frac{1}{122}$. If we apply the same calcula-

tions to the figures belonging respectively to the Bates Hall and to the Lower Hall, we find that while, on the one hand, the daily circulation of the Lower Hall has been for the last four years nearly stationary, the proportion of issues to the number of volumes remaining about the same; on the other hand, the daily average circulation of the Bates Hall has been rapidly increasing from year to year. Thus, the average daily circulation of the Lower Hall, obtained by dividing the total number of books by the average number of daily issues, was, in 1872, $\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{5}$; in 1873, $\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{2}$, and in 1874, $\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{5}$. In the Bates Hall, the corresponding fractions are for 1872, $\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{5}$; for 1873, $\frac{1}{7}\frac{1}{8}$; and for 1874 (excluding the Barton Library), $\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{7}$; in other words, while in 1872 one book in 875 was used daily, in 1874 the proportion of books called into daily use was one in 657.

The rapid yearly increase in the use made of the Bates Hall collection by the public, compared with the nearly stationary clientage of the Lower Hall, is very apparent, and shows that a distinct educational influence is exerted by the Library upon the public. It must be remembered, as your Committee were reminded by the Superintendent, that the Library is not dealing with a permanent body of readers, whose literary education it may be held to be effecting. Each year brings to it, with each succeeding generation, as it were, a fresh levy of raw recruits, who start from the lowest grade of literary culture, and swell the ranks of the readers of fiction who frequent the Lower Hall.

It was feared by some that the various Branch Libraries that have of late years been established would divert a portion of its readers from the Central Library, and so get them away from its influence. This is far from being the case, however, as shown by Mr. Winsor's Report, and the reciprocal effect of the Parent Library, and of its Branches upon each other, has been to increase the number of readers on both sides.

Your Committee desire to call attention to the valuable

labors of the Superintendent in the different departments of the Library. Especially is the institution fortunate in having an officer who appreciates bibliographical research. The careful and critical examination of the rare books which the Library possesses, the means taken for the preservation of all valuable papers and documents, the excellent classification which has been made of them, the publication of interesting facts in the "Bulletin," and the merits of rare books given therein, are of great importance to the public, and it is very much indebted to the Superintendent for this valuable work. At the same time, we would not forget to bestow deserved commendation upon all the officers of the Library for the excellent manner in which the work of the institution is performed, making its management an honor to the City and an example worthy of imitation by similar institutions of the country.

By no means an unimportant part of the work done at the Library under the supervision of the Superintendent, and by his initiation, is the collection and arrangement of the statistical tables, which give most clearly, and at the same time, most minutely, a mass of very valuable information, relating to the working of the Library, considered in every detail of its administration, and from every point of view. From these data, which are now being collected every year at our Public Library, and which no similar institution as yet affords in such variety, a most interesting study is being made of what we will venture to call the *Physiology* of a Public Library. Thanks to Mr. Winsor's careful and minute analysis of the working of the institution committed to his charge, here is every reason to believe that the maximum degree of efficiency is rapidly being attained for the Library.

T. B. CURTIS,
for the Committee.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, July, 1874.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees:—

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith present my Seventh Annual Report, and referring you to the appendixes for the body of the information which you have a right to expect, I shall touch here but a few points that need further elucidation.

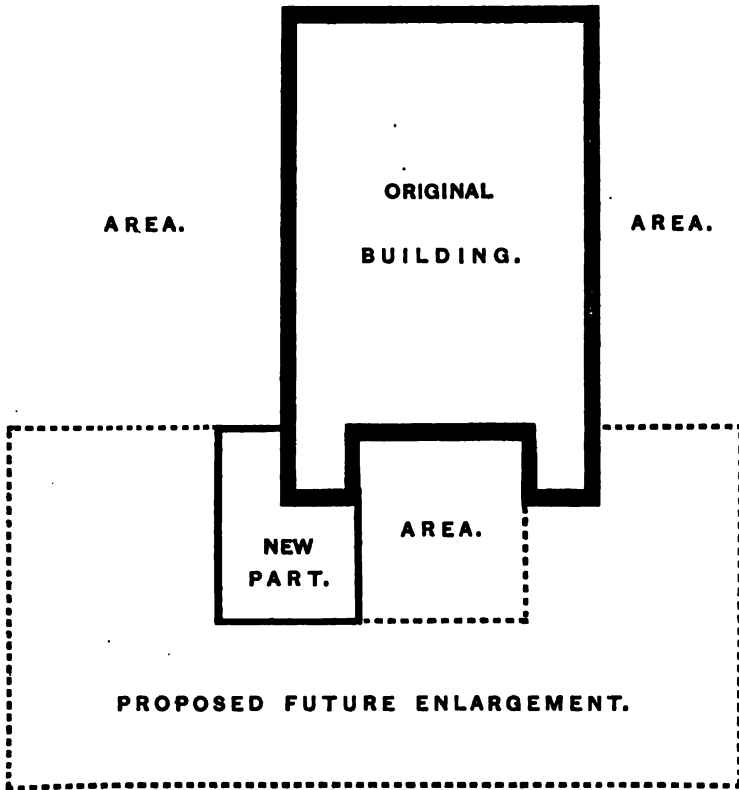
During the year a high-service stand-pipe has been introduced into the south-eastern tower of the Central Library, by the concurrent action of the Cochituate Water Board and the Committee on Public Buildings. A sufficient supply of hose is kept coiled on the various levels, and is always attached for sudden use in case of fire. The fire-proof protections to the large lantern and small skylights of the roof have been provided; but the means of hoisting hose to that elevation, without dragging it through the alcoves, has not yet been supplied,—a delay which I much regret and which might cause serious results, in case of a conflagration in neighboring buildings.* All the iron shutters on the building, except those of the janitor's apartments, are nightly closed, and with the sail-cloth which has been provided to place between the window frames and the shutters, and the means which we have of keeping it wet, it is expected that the amplest security is attained against such violent attacks of external fire as might cause even the shutters to curl. It is in contemplation by the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom is entrusted the erection of the enlargement of the

*This has since been supplied.

south-western tower during the coming year, to maintain an even higher standard of non-combustibility in that new addition, the appropriation for which has been very considerably allowed by the City Council. It will increase the official apartments of the Library, provide for an enlargement of the bindery, afford separate rooms for two or more of our special collections, give the frequenters of our Patent Room the accommodations which they have long felt the want of, and in every way add to the efficiency of the Library.

The new addition has been planned with a view to making it a part of a still further enlargement, which shall have its rear line on Van Rensselaer place, with an open area to supply light and air in the immediate rear of the main building, while this area shall be flanked by an extension of the present towers. The lateral wings, on each side of the main edifice, with their front on a line with the rear of the present structure, would command from their windows a view of the Common, thus : —

Boylston Street.



Van Besselaer Place.

The heavy lines represent the present building, the light lines the new addition of the coming year, and the dotted line the further combination and enlargement.

Since the date of my last Report the building belonging to the Fellowes Athenæum, and leased to the City for the Roxbury Branch, has been completed, and after an occupancy of nine months, it has been found in every particular adapted to the administration, and is recognized by those conversant with the requirements of a popular Library as more fully meeting those requirements than is the case with any other recent erection.

By the annexation of Charlestown the Public Library of that city became a Branch of this institution, and the rooms which it occupied in the second story of the City Hall in that place not being large enough to meet an increased demand, or even the old demand for space, representation was made in conjunction with the retiring Board of Trustees of the Charlestown Library (under whom, during its independence, that Library had been administered) to the Committee on Public Buildings, that, in consequence of the changes incident to the consolidation of the offices of the two cities, the rooms of the Mystic Water Board could be added with advantage to the original quarters of that library. The action of the Committee was prompt, the consent of the City Council to an appropriation was easily gained, and during the summer the results desired will be secured. Some rearrangement of cases will be required, and perhaps the introduction at once of classifications of the books, such as have not been observed there in the past. The retiring government of the City of Charlestown transferred to that Branch some large paintings which had adorned the Council Chambers in the upper stories of the building, and such of the furniture of the Aldermen's room as would be of use in furnishing the new reading-room.

The annexation of Brighton converted the Holton Library, which had been maintained by that town as a Public Library, into the Brighton Branch of the Public Library of Boston. Under an appropriation by the town, embracing \$18,000 for

land, \$1,500 as the proceeds of the sale of a building which was upon the land, and \$30,000 for erecting a building, the construction of a Library had gone forward under the supervision of a building committee composed jointly from the Trustees of the Holton Library and from the citizens, and at the time of the vote for annexation, it was nearly ready for roofing. A meeting was held at an early day, when this Building Committee met a Committee of the Trustees of this Library, and some slight changes in the interior planning of the new Library were agreed upon, to adapt it more closely to the system upon which our Branches are conducted, and which had proved successful at East Boston, South Boston, and Roxbury. The changes in the permanent interior walls consisted solely of the widening of door-ways, in order to give the closer relations of parts which prompt and economical administration required. Delays, beyond the control of the Trustees, since the city acquired possession of the property, have prevented the prompt approach to completion which was looked for at that time, and the better part of the summer must, I fear, be consumed before the books can be moved, and everything be prepared for opening it to the public. Meanwhile the Library is maintained, as in the past, in rather cramped quarters, which are a part of the old Town Hall.

The action of the City Council in making an appropriation for the establishment of the sixth Branch in Dorchester, during the coming year, has thrown upon the Committee on Public Buildings the necessity of providing a building. Action on their part is expected at an early day.

The tables of the Appendix show an increased activity in every department. It is conclusively proved by the figures given, that the influence of the Central Library upon the Branches is beneficial, and that the large clientage of users which they acquire for themselves does not diminish the usefulness of the Central Library, but, on the other hand, both

in the popular department and in the Bates Hall, its circulation is acquiring an extent unprecedented in their history, and far in advance of the results obtained before the parent Library had extended its influence through any one of its five Branches. The result is not surprising to those who have scanned narrowly the influences which public libraries exert upon communities.

The Roxbury Branch has necessarily advanced in extent beyond the others. This is owing to the beneficent policy of the City, which has provided, by contract with the Fellowes Athenæum, that the income of the Athenæum's funds shall go to increase the books of that Branch, in addition to the proportion allotted to it under the general appropriation. About \$250 a month is the sum at present given to this special increase, and it is gratifying to find that the higher class of books, such as are purchased with this sum, find appreciative readers. It is to be hoped that the success of this coöperation may induce similar private benefactions in connection with the other Branches. That such must in time be the case is quite clear from the information which has reached the Library authorities of the remembrances which have found a place in the last testaments of residents in the neighborhood of other Branches.

The South Boston Branch, although now the smallest of these dependencies, gives gratifying proof of its usefulness in the large circulation which it has maintained; and it is alike a credit to the people of that district and to the system of the Library, that out of 108,000 volumes which have during the year been entrusted to borrowers, every one has been returned to the shelves. Indeed, the immunity from loss in this direction, as shown by one of the Appendixes, is as remarkable as it is gratifying. The percentage of loss in the outlying districts, where borrowers are more easily tracked when they become delinquent, is almost too small to be considered. In the city proper, the difficulties of identification and pur-

suit are much increased, from the intricacies of a social system on so large a scale, and from the facility with which delinquents can conceal their removals from one place to another, and where neighborly acquaintance is not so close as in the lesser segregations of the surrounding districts. Yet, from the Central Library the loss is trifling, and, almost always, it is in such books as can be easily and cheaply replaced.

The Sunday use of the Reading Rooms for Periodicals has now had the experience of a full Library year. At the Central Reading Room the use of the periodicals has been fully equal to expectations, and there can be no question of the gratification and advantage which the privilege has given to many people. So considerable is the number that the care and expense involved are well justified. At the Branches, the advantage has not been so marked, but the constant tendency to increase of use is encouraging for the future. The following figures will be of interest in this connection : —

READING ROOMS.	No. of Magazines.	Sundays Open.	Average issue per Sunday for the year.	Largest average issue per Sun- day in any month.
Central	418	52	421	603, Jan.
East Boston	41	52	141	241, Jan.
South Boston	41	52	132	226, Nov.
Roxbury (10 months)	67	43	74	132, Feb.
Charlestown (4 months)	82	16	82	91, Feb.
Brighton (4 months)	28	17	..	..

At Brighton no record is possible in the present arrangement of the Reading Room. At Charlestown the use of one London and five New York dailies, kept on the tables, is not counted.

By Appendix I, it will be seen that the entire Library now possesses about 260,550 volumes, an extent that permits no other library on the continent to outrank it; while it possesses in the Bates Hall collection (166,453 volumes), a reference as well as circulating Library, surpassed by none other in America in value, or in the due subordination and relative strength of its classifications. The whole, moreover, is indexed and made accessible through a catalogue system, not inferior to any other in ramification and thoroughness.

The work in the Catalogue department has gone on as satisfactorily as heretofore. The ordinary accessions are already swelling the extent of the Cards, both in the Public and in the Official Card Catalogue so greatly that ampler accommodations for each will be required during the coming year.

Beside the work on the ordinary accessions during the year, the cataloguing of the Ticknor Library has been brought near completion, and it is now reckoned that the subsequent revision can be proceeded with during the coming summer, and that the printed volume, for which the City Council have already appropriated the money, will be ready for the public in the course of the new year. Meanwhile, since the receipt of the Barton Library, considerable labor has been expended upon its books in preparing them for the shelves, and upon the large mass of printed and manuscript excerpts, engravings, music, autographs and bibliographical correspondence, which Mr. Barton had accumulated during thirty years of careful collecting. This accumulation, which chiefly concerns the Shakespearian portion of his Library, has been arranged for binding and placed in scrap-books, and, with that portion of his Library which still needs binding, will amount to about 1,200 volumes, as thus finally arranged. These, added to the bound volumes, will swell the aggregate of the Barton Library to over 12,000 volumes, of which about 3,000 volumes belong to the Shakespearian department. It is

hoped during the coming year to get all these bound, and to complete all the preliminary work which belongs to the shelf department, before the room in the new tower, destined to receive the collection, is ready. By that time it is anticipated that Mr. Wheeler and his assistants can begin work on the special Catalogue, which is to be made for this collection.

In August last the long-delayed and consolidated Class-list of books in History, Biography, and Travel in the Lower Hall was ready for the public. The new features in popular cataloguing which it presented soon produced the results which were hoped for. The notes appended to the principal cross-references, and intended to assist readers in the choice of books, had a very marked effect upon the character of the circulation in the Lower Hall. As these notes were also intended to bring more prominently before the class of readers which frequents that department, the resources of the higher classifications of the Bates Hall, a considerable share of the increase of use of that hall must be ascribed to the influence of these notes, though from statistics it is not easy to indicate the proportions. In the Lower Hall, however, the figures of the circulation can be brought to a demonstration. Although but eight months of the year are covered by its effects, the returns of the entire year show an increase over last year of books used in those departments of 75 per cent., while the additional use of fiction is less than three per cent. It has also resulted in reducing the percentage of fiction issued in the popular department (Lower Hall) of the Central Library to less than 72 per cent. of the entire issues of that collection, which is several hundredths below the average maintained in the past, or ordinarily found in free public libraries. Taking the entire reading of the Central Library, the use of fiction is probably not far from 55 per cent. of the whole issues.

I do not share the opinions held by many, who indulge in a wholesale denunciation of the reading of novels. After sev-

eral years' observation, I am fully cognizant of the fact that the censure of fiction is a good deal a matter of class feeling — educationally speaking. Books of one literary grade are held to be valueless by critics on a higher one, who do not appreciate the fact that lower grades of readers should be supplied with mental pabulum suited to their powers of assimilation. The failure to allow for this difference in readers is, I think, at the bottom of many unconsidered assertions regarding the character of certain writers, and the literary necessities of corresponding classes of readers. Nevertheless, there can be nothing more deserving of official recognition, or of the encouragement of those who are fortunate in literary culture, than endeavors to improve the standard of that reading which free libraries supply. The question is only one of method, and it seems to me that persuasion and kindly assistance to the unskilled in books is a more gracious procedure than to deprive them of the only books that allure them to partake of the Library stores. First of all, the mass of ordinary readers must be made to frequent the Library. They are then within its influence, and endeavors to benefit their tastes will, as I think our experiment has shown, accomplish a good result, if the efforts are unremitting. I trust another year will show that the work thus inaugurated will gather strength as it goes on.

It is not just to judge of the literary taste of a community by the reading of its free popular libraries. A large class buy their better reading, and depend upon libraries for the ephemeral novels, which are the talk of the hour. The laborer, or the weary tradesman, notwithstanding his bookcase of the classics of his tongue at home, calls at the Library after his day's work to get a book to supply a pastime, not to advance a study, for which his exhausted energies leave no chance. Public libraries may not fulfil their highest mission in providing mere recreation, but it is for this only, by the nature of the case, that a considerable proportion of the population can find them of benefit.

I have, during the year, made the matter of the public reading in its hygienic relations, the subject of conference with the late Dr. Derby, the very capable Secretary of the State Board of Health, and have had his assurance of the value of the investigations, which I am in hopes of reducing in the future into an order that may yield some profitable conclusions. That the seasons, and even "spells of weather," and events which touch large masses of the population, affect the *extent* of the Library's circulation, is patent; but that such causes, including epidemics, — whether of a bodily or mental nature, — such as result from disease, financial panics, or engrossing topics of thought, produce results in the *character* of the reading, I am equally convinced, though it will need large observation to array the proofs, and careful scrutiny to allow for other disturbing influences. I am in hopes to be able to present this aspect of our experience in something like a satisfactory fashion, at some future time.

Upon the request of the Commissioner of Education at Washington, there were sent, early in the year, to the Exposition at Vienna, a set of the Catalogues of the Library, its reports and other documents, and a series of blanks, illustrating its methods. Regarding these volumes, Mr. John D. Philbrick, Superintendent of the Public Schools of this city, who went to Vienna as a Special Commissioner, wrote under date of August 22, "You sent here a fine set of documents illustrating the character and workings of the Boston Public Library. I am sorry you did not get a prize, for you well deserved a very high one; but you unfortunately were excluded under the rule, adopted by the General Direction, providing that an exhibitor receiving the highest honor can receive no other for any special exhibit. And as the City of Boston got the Grand Diploma of Honor, and as the jury considered that the Library was an exhibit belonging to the city, it could have no separate recognition. But it was certain that there was not in all the Exposition so complete and

comprehensive a library exhibit as that made by you." The seven volumes, handsomely bound, thus referred to, were subsequently presented to the Imperial Library of Vienna, and duly acknowledged.

I may state that during the year a second edition, with some enlargement, of the Handbook for Readers has been called for; and that the quarterly Bulletins have been continued as in the past.

In conclusion, I may refer to the liberal and graceful act of the late Mayor of the City, the Honorable Henry L. Pierce, who, in testimony of his regard for the Library, has laid his fellow-citizens under increased obligations, by giving to our funds, free of all restrictions, \$5,000. This will be known hereafter as the *Pierce Fund*.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN WINSOR,
Superintendent.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 8, 1874.

APPENDIXES
TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

1874.

APPENDIX II.

YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE
AND BY GIFTS.

YEARS.		Increase. (<i>Net</i> after 1861.)		Gifts.		Purchases, including those charged to funds.		Fellowes Athens- um.**	Donors, exclud- ing anony- mous.
		Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	†Pamph.	Vols.	
1. . . .	1862-63	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	...	...	75
2. . . .	1863-64	6,533	2,989	2,152	2,989	4,381	...	...	105
3. . . .	1864-65	6,396	2,557	2,663	2,468	3,733	89	...	153
4. . . .	1865-66	5,468	5,879	1,865	5,330	3,608	540	...	126
5. . . .	1866-67	6,816	3,667	1,886	3,646	5,130	21	...	132
6. . . .	1867-68	*35,955	1,585	30,214	1,885	5,741	...	...	381
7. . . .	1868-69	7,192	1,817	3,405	1,317	3,787	...	...	247
8. . . .	1869-70	6,989	1,452	3,744	1,452	3,245	...	...	207
9. . . .	1870-71	†16,948	6,674	12,299	6,656	4,649	18	...	242
10. . . .	1871-72	7,391	1,493	1,274	1,493	6,117	...	...	234
11. . . .	1872-73	5,529	2,169	829	1,968	4,700	212	...	194
12. . . .	1873-74	6,226	2,039	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	...	319
13. . . .	1874-75	6,062	1,516	804	1,026	5,178	490	...	328
14. . . .	1875-76	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,296	671	...	336
15. . . .	1876-77	5,303	7,577	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	...	300
16. . . .	1877-78	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,513	6,396	298	...	342
17. . . .	1878-79	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,939	...	649
18. . . .	1879-80	7,775	13,593	1,646	10,228	6,129	3,365	...	606
19. . . .	1880-81	§18,099	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	...	604
20. . . .	1881-82	||13,708	10,637	4,349	5,831	9,359	4,806	...	610
21. . . .	1882-83	14,644	11,770	3,839	8,060	10,705	3,710	865	601
22. . . .	1883-84	61,094	22,475	4,783	17,133	13,671	5,837	1,330	739

* Of these, 24,613 were the Bates gift.

† Of these, 11,721 were the Parker bequest.

‡ Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. The large number, of recent years, has been occasioned by the systematic completion of serials and periodicals for the Central Library, as well as for the Branches.

§ Including 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association.

|| Including 1,471 volumes from the Mattapan Literary Association.

** Included in previous columns. These volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury Branch by agreement.

NOTE. The increase of this year includes the totals of the libraries at Charlestown and Brighton; and also, under purchases, the Barton Library, 12,057 vols.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
The Gen'l Library .	87,638	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709	126,207	131,560
Patent Library							2,120	||2,823
Bowditch Library*	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library* . .	†11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907
Prince Library . .	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	†1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970
Ticknor Library . .					3,774	\$3,907	3,907	3,907
Barton Library . .								**12,057
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651	829	187
	105,737	111,281	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,482	156,463
Condemned	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	0
Total	105,737	111,281	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,685	149,477	156,463

* See Appendix IX.

† Including 186 duplicates, which are boxed and stored in the basement.

‡ Including 18 vols. of MSS.

§ Includes 31 vols. of MSS. as bound. When received they were mostly in stitched brochures, several of which are now bound in one volume. The remainder of the difference between these figures and those for the previous year arose from some discrepancy in the count of pamphlets destined for volumes.

|| Divided into 1,981 volumes for the English; 143 volumes for the American; and 199 volumes for the French specifications and drawings. Included before 1873 in the General Library. Now in charge of a special Curator.

** This is as near as can be ascertained before locating them.

NOTE. — Of the volumes lost from the Bates Hall some reappear each year, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little; so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX IV.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Reported the preceding year	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	
Added during the year	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	
Total	27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689	33,188	33,626	34,070	
Books transferred to Bates Hall	339	93	19	23	7	1	6	
Books transferred to Branches				859	535	342	166	
Condemned during the year	257	259	212	1,233	819	678	1,308	
Total left	*25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	32,606

* Actual count.

NOTE.— There have been since the last actual count in 1867, over a hundred volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as "unaccounted for," but may reappear.

APPENDIX V.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including the Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd and imperfect volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are boxed up at intervals.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Number at beginning of year	4,955	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,954	7,314	8,183	
Added during the year	714	1,004	847	443	383	906	1,375	1,641
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	7,360	8,089	9,524	
Disposed of	523	845	546	304	234	636	506	†334
Total	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314	*8,183	9,490

* This number is by an actual count of the serviceable volumes now arranged in our duplicate Room; and it includes three hundred and eighty-one volumes of British Sessional documents, ready for exchange.

† Being 282 volumes parted with on exchange account; and 52 withdrawn for Branches.

NOTE.— There are also of pamphlets some thirty to forty thousand duplicates, arranged and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges.

APPENDIX VI.

INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	
<i>Bates Hall.</i>	Gain in located books (App. VIII.)	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,884	6,682	6,196
	Of these not located at last Report	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	661	829
	Added and located . .	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	5,971	5,369
	Added and not located	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	*12,244
	Total gain	5,946	6,288	6,450	11,349	6,900	6,800	17,613
	Condemned . . . . .	.....	2	.....	1	5	.....
	Net gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	17,613
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	Gain in located books .	2,008	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465
	Less transfers and condemned books	596	852	231	2,115	1,861	1,021	1,480
	Net gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	15 (loss) †
<i>Newspaper Room.</i>	Gain in located books .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	101
	Less loss . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	101
<i>Duplicate Room.</i>	Gain by addition . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,375	1,641
	Less loss by exch'ges, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	506	334
	Net gain	659	301	139	149	860	869	1,307
<i>E. Boston Branch.</i>	Gain in located books .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	881	621	664
	Condemned and lost . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	97	143
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	881	524	521
<i>S. Boston Branch.</i>	Gain in located books .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	885	850
	Condemned and lost . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	217
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,865	809	633

* Includes 12,067 (close estimate) of the Barton books, and 187 other volumes.

† The condemnations have been large for the year, the transfers few; but their combined excess over the gains, which are exceptionally small on account of the few books published in this country, shows, for the first time, an absolute loss for the year.

APPENDIX VI, *Continued.*

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Rox. Branch.	{ Gain in city part . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,764	1,069
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	26
	{ Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,760	1,043
	{ Fellowes Athenæum . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	865	1,330
	{ Total gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,615	2,373
Chn. Branch.	{ Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,932
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144
	{ Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,788
Bri. Branch.	{ Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,049
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
	{ Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,037
Dor. Branch.	{ Duplicates reserved for this Branch . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
W. Rox. Branch.	{ Duplicates reserved for this Branch . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
Total Increase.	{ Bates Hall gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	19,271
	{ Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	645	1,253	778 (loss) 15
	{ Newspaper Room gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254 101
	{ Duplicate Room gain	650	301	139	149	360	869 1,307
	{ E. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	831	524 521
	{ S. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,365	809 633
	{ Rox. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,760	1,043
	{ Fellowes Athenæum gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865 1,330
	{ Chn. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,788
	{ Bri. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,037
	{ Dor. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
	{ W. R. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
	{ Total gain	8,012	8,708	7,775	18,099	18,708	14,644 51,094

APPENDIX VII.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
English Books with British imprint . .	635	708	625	811	899	1,096	1,389	1,294
English Books with American imprint.	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,206	3,642	4,301	3,807
English Books with Continental imprint	104	100	80	50	48	115	291	125
Foreign Books. . . .	539	673	789	487	501	891	1,064	858
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	.....	447	248	480	.....	.....	.....
Total	2,529	2,926	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744	7,045	6,084

APPENDIX VIII.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.	1873-74.
May	758	.....	727	455	584	357
June	509	.....	430	464	584	527
July	1,087	.....	462	291	631	839
August	383	347	520	518	554	405
September . .	713	833	373	511	457	436
October	866	697	546	295	520	414
November . .	443	763	696	*4,528	489	377
December . . .	639	632	905	651	646	507
January	626	834	427	611	658	665
February . . .	563	633	706	724	456	594
March	521	382	1,001	788	551	472
April	417	1,175	661	†598	492	605
Total	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,334	6,623	6,198
Pamphlet vols. arranged by the Curator . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	385	554	206

NOTE. — These monthly figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1869. The figures for May, June, and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the Library year.

* 3,376 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

Pamphlets. During the year the Curator of pamphlets has continued the arrangement of all the loose pamphlets by subjects, etc., in the Cabinet Room; and such as were duplicates and not needed have been arranged in adjacent apartments.

APPENDIX IX. BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS. (Not including volumes added, but not yet located.)

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.						Class No.	CLASSES.	GENERAL LIBRARY.										Total of Bates Hall, in- cluding the Spe- cial Libraries.
1893.	Parker Library.	1861.	1866.	1871.	1873.			Patent Library.	Located 1867.	Located 1868.	Located 1869.	Located 1870.	Located 1871.	Located 1872.	Located 1873.	Located 1874.	May 1, 1874.	
Bowditch	244	276	6	...	...	...	I. Cyclopaedias, etc.	24	86	19	22	22	32	10	9	1,250	1,776
	32	506	3	246	...	...	II. Bibliography and Literary History .	170	231	326	271	278	235	205	166	4,297	5,174
	16	650	54	...	...	...	III. General History, Biography, Travel and Geography	170	140	184	157	223	234	199	210	4,467	5,187
	96	633	624	152	143	143	IV. American History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature	515	1,168	1,438	918	1,305	911	983	962	16,894	18,602	
	75	573	69	16	1,931	1,931	V. English History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	498	762	739	767	1,018	635	605	712	14,495	17,209	
	59	413	7	40	199	199	VI. French History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	188	335	413	207	293	443	530	433	8,408	9,128	
	0	291	2	30	...	...	VII. Italian History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	87	229	189	160	238	249	60	198	6,002	6,334
	7	1,293	8	18	...	...	VIII. Germanic History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature	228	159	246	232	250	250	260	210	5,103	6,419
	6	1,122	196	27	...	...	IX. Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	100	112	97	107	82	123	98	3,791	5,143
	20	82	...	2,766	...	...	X. Spanish and Portuguese History, and Literature . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	27	47	57	662	3,529
	2	369	1	...	...	...	XI. Other History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Literature	214	216	189	160	262	176	222	143	3,544	3,916

908	601	5	97	...	XII. Periodicals and Transactions	814	841	507	445	560	397	394	208	13,310	14,921
144	3,243	872	810	...	XIII. Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	908	505	836	617	985	496	620	672	12,783	17,352
5	1,247	49	77	...	XIV. Metaphysics and Social Science	185	843	429	444	378	233	324	290	5,201	9,009
3	307	13	30	...	XV. Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	106	115	109	2,842	3,185
65	98	...	15	...	XVI. Political Economy	79	66	118	75	130	58	101	97	1,316	1,494
3	66	22	...	...	XVII. Medical Science	370	556	708	515	365	669	747	499	8,462	8,553
14	124	...	...	...	XVIII. Natural History and Science	155	170	172	212	191	331	289	188	1,478	5,616
824	90	20	53	...	XIX. Mathematics and Physical Sciences	312	318	394	449	485	434	323	301	7,260	8,247
4	9	...	...	...	XX. Useful Arts	96	116	119	102	76	181	256	235	1,962	2,005
...	29	1	...	...	XXI. Fine Arts	197	205	193	338	253	215	201	162	4,124	4,154
6	...	...	...	...	XXII. Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphls . . . . .	...	...	15	6	5	3	9	6	430	436
...	...	18	31	...	XXIII. Bound Vols. of Manuscripts . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	1	50	50
2,542	11,721	1,970	3,907	2,323	Totals	5,100	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	6,477	6,622	5,965	132,281	155,105

EXPLANATION. — Class III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

Class V, Class VI, Class VII, Class VIII. — These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VIII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland as also the Scandinavian nations.

Class XI includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

Class XIV includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Pneumology, etc.

Class XIX includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

Class XXII embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions, as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several classes.

NOTE. — The above figures of the special collections, excepting the Patent Library, which is yearly increased, exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials, but such accessions are counted in the classes of the general Library, though the books are located with the special collection. The increase of the Tietnor Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

The annual increase of the Patent Library is included in the last column of the Special Libraries, and not in the yearly locations of the General Library.

The column "May 1, 1874," does not include the totals of the Patent Library, or of the other special libraries.

APPENDIX X. LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	To be deducted.						Total, May 1, 1874.
	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned books replaced.	Total added, 1873-74.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.	Condemned.	
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc.	1,438	1,509	1,631	1,703	1,753	1,806	1,802	15	2	2	19	..	26	4	1,792
Jurisprudence and Political Science	270	276	280	283	289	275	285	11	..	2	13	..	2	2	294
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science	1,705	1,778	1,857	1,898	1,908	1,948	2,043	61	18	3	82	2	23	2	2,093
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science	599	629	647	654	659	639	656	27	4	..	31	..	14	5	693
American History and Politics	1,023	1,069	1,082	1,089	1,095	1,070	1,077	11	1	1	13	2	17	1	1,070
Foreign History and Politics	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,393	1,359	1,354	13	..	2	14	..	3	3	1,352
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric	2,268	2,344	2,434	2,576	2,467	2,529	2,444	27	1	2	20	1	21	12	2,540
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	7,165	8,062	9,130	9,513	10,469	11,251	11,864	368	342	352	1,052	..	2,106	11,893	
Biography	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,238	2,251	2,246	12	9	2	23	..	27	8	2,234
Travels	1,367	1,371	1,369	2,041	1,990	1,980	1,965	41	6	2	48	..	12	15	1,986
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.*	2,621	2,798	3,125	3,365	3,478	3,771	3,937	43	44	7	94	1	16	177	3,728
German Books	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	1,250	1,262	7	..	3	10	..	2	9	1,261
Italian Books	221	221	221	224	226	226	227	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	223
French Books	1,043	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	1,213	1,232	16	..	1	17	..	2	3	1,244
Spanish Books . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Books of Reference	87	92	97	126	171	214	225	7	..	1	8	..	..	1	232
Totals	25,199	26,006	26,723	26,900	27,574	31,827	32,005	659	426	380	1,465	6	106	1308	32,508

* This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.
 NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as when the shelves counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX XI.

FUNDS AND DONATIONS, 1873-1874.

1. Bates, Joshua, <i>London</i> , interest on the fund of	\$50,000
2. Bigelow, <i>Hon. John P.</i> , " " "	1,000
3. Franklin Club, " " "	1,000
4. Lawrence, <i>Hon. Abbott</i> , " " "	10,000
5. Phillips, <i>Hon. Jonathan</i> , " " "	30,000
6. Pierce, <i>Hon. Henry L.</i> , " " "	5,000
7. Ticknor, George, " " "	4,000
8. Townsend, Mary P., " " "	4,000
	<hr/> \$105,000

Note. — The following reinvestments of these funds have occurred during the year:—

1. Bates Fund, City bonds, No. 1727, due April 1, 1894.
2. Bigelow Fund, City bonds, No. 1726, due April 1, 1894.
5. Phillips Fund (\$10,000 of it), City bonds, No. 1725, due April 1, 1894.
6. Pierce Fund, City bonds, No. 1567, due January 1, 1894.

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1873, TO APRIL 30, 1874.

Donors (excluding anonymous),	739
Volumes,	8,783
Pamphlets,	17,138

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Abbot, <i>Prof. Ezra, D. D., Cambridge</i> ,		1
Adams, <i>Hon. Charles F., Quincy</i> ,	4	1
Addeman, <i>Hon. Joshua M., Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	2
Advocates' Library, <i>Edinburgh, Scotland</i> ,	4	
Alabama, State of,		1
Albany, <i>N. Y.</i> , Young Men's Association,		1
Allen, <i>Lieut. George H.</i> ,		24
Allen, <i>Miss Margaret</i> ,		2
Allibone, <i>S. A., LL. D., Philadelphia</i> , 1 broadside,		
American Academy of Arts and Sciences,	1	2
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> ,	1	1
American Association for the Advancement of Science,	2	

DONORS.	Vols.	Fph.
American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, <i>Hartford, Ct.</i> ,		3
American Bible Society, <i>New York</i> ,		2
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,		4
American Colonization Society, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		2
American Institute, <i>New York</i> ,	2	
American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,	1	
American Iron and Steel Association, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,		1
American News Company, <i>New York</i> ,	1	
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,	1	
American Printing House for the Blind, <i>Louisville, Ky.</i> ,	1	
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, <i>New York</i> ,		1
American Society of Civil Engineers, <i>New York</i> ,		8
American Unitarian Association,	90	100
Amiens, <i>France</i> , Bibliothèque Communale,	1	
Andover, Town of,		1
— Memorial Hall Library,	1	
— Theological Seminary,		1
Andrews, Jacob R.,	11	
Andrews, Samuel,	9	4
Anonymous, 37 newspapers, 44 numbers of periodicals, 2 broad-sides,	23	287
Antioch College, <i>Yellow Springs, Ohio</i> ,		7
Appleton, <i>Mrs.</i> ,	28	4
Appleton, Nathan,		1
Appleton, William S.,	1	
Arkansas, State of,		1
Asher & Co., <i>London</i> ,	1	
Attwood, Gilbert & Co.,		1
Aumer, Joseph, <i>Munich, Germany</i> ,		12
Austin, Arthur W.,	1	
Babcock, <i>Rev.</i> William G.,		2
Baker, Nathaniel B., <i>Des Moines, Iowa</i> ,	1	1
Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers,		1
Balfour, David M.,	2	
Baltimore, <i>Md.</i> , School Commissioners,	2	
Bancroft, J. P., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Concord, N. H.</i> ,		1
Bangor, <i>Me.</i> , Library Association,	1	
Barrows, Horace G., <i>M. D.</i> ,	45	
Barry, John,		1
Barton, <i>Mrs.</i> Cora L., <i>Barrytown, N. Y.</i> ,	2	
Batchelder, Samuel, <i>Cambridge</i> ,	2	
Bates, James L.,		1
Bell, <i>Prof.</i> A. Graham,	1	
Bellevue Hospital, <i>New York</i> ,	1	
Benham, <i>Gen.</i> H. W.,		1
Bennett, Joseph E., <i>Manchester, N. H.</i> ,	1	
Bent, Goodnow & Co., 4 newspapers,		2
Bethesda Society,		2
Beverly Yacht Club,	2	
Bigelow, Horatio R., <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Bird, Joseph, <i>Watertown</i> ,		2
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee,	1	1
Boardman, Samuel L., <i>Augusta, Me.</i> ,	10	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Bockus, Charles E.,		1
Bolton, <i>England</i> , Public Free Library and Museum,		1
Boston, City of,	80	2
— Board of Trade,	1	
— City Messenger,	1	
— City Surveyor, 5 maps,		
— Cochituate Water Board,	17	
— Commissioners on Annexation, 1 map,		
— Gas Light Company,	4	
— Harbor Commissioners,		1
— Superintendent of Printing,	9	10
Boston Art Club,	1	1
Boston Athenæum,		2
Boston City Missionary Society,		3
Boston Museum of Fine Arts,		1
Boston Port and Seaman's Aid Society,		1
Boston Provident Association,		2
Boston Society of Natural History,	8	10
Boston University,	1	10
Boston Young Men's Christian Union,		1
Boston Young Women's Christian Association,		1
Both, Carl, <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Bouton, J. W., <i>New York</i> ,	1	
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> ,		2
Bradford, George P.,	5	
Bradford, T. G.,		2
Bradlee, <i>Rev.</i> Caleb D., 4 photographs,	6	4
Bradlee, Nathaniel J.,	1	
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i> ,		16
Brewer and Tileston,		1
Bridgeman, Alfred, <i>New York</i> ,		2
Brigham, <i>Rev.</i> Charles H., <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Brincklé, J. Gordon, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,	1	
Briscoe, John Potter, <i>Nottingham, England</i> , 1 broadside,		2
British Museum, <i>London</i> ,	9	
Brookline, Public Library,	2	5
Brooklyn, <i>N. Y.</i> , Mercantile Library,	2	
Brooks, <i>Hon.</i> George M., <i>Concord</i> ,	1	
Brooks, <i>Rev.</i> William H., <i>Hanover</i> ,	1	2
Brown, Francis H., <i>M. D.</i> , 87 numbers of periodicals,	2	
Brown, Guy A., <i>Lincoln, Nebraska</i> ,	1	
Brown, John Coffin Jones,	1	
Brown, William, <i>Montreal</i> ,		1
Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Buckingham, Charles E., <i>M. D.</i> ,	2	
Bugbee, James M., 2 broadsides,	1	
Bunker Hill Monument Association,	3	
Burbank, E. C., <i>Montreal</i> ,		1
Burlington, <i>Iowa</i> , University,		1
Burrall, Frederick A., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>New York</i> ,		1
Burroughs, <i>Rev.</i> Henry,	2	
Buswell, E. W.,	1	2
Butler, William Allen, <i>New York</i> ,	1	
Butler Hospital for the Insane, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1

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Public Library,		1
Rapid Writer Association, <i>Andover</i> , 6 numbers of a periodical,		
Read, R. L., <i>Lowell</i> , 265 numbers of periodicals,	95	420
Reading, Public Library,		2
Reale Istituto Lombardo, <i>Milan</i> ,	2	
Rebonças, Dr. André, <i>Rio de Janeiro</i> ,	2	
Redwood Library and Athenæum, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> ,		1
Reed, J. Harris,		9
Reed, Reuben, Estate of,	15	
Reed, Seth, 2 newspapers,		
Reiche, Charles, and Brother,	1	
Reynolds, J.,	1	
Richardson, Charles A., 270 newspapers,	3	
Richardson, Hon. William A., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	5	
Robbins, Rev. Chandler, <i>D. D.</i> ,		

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Robinson, James R., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	1	
Rockford, Ill., Public Library,	1	
Rockwell, Henry E., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Rockwell, Horace T.,	1	
Rolfe, William J., <i>Cambridgeport</i> ,	8	
Rowell, George P., and Co., <i>New York</i> ,	1	
Royal Astronomical Society, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Royal Geographical Society, <i>London</i> ,	3	
Royal Society of Edinburgh,	2	
Royal Society, <i>London</i> ,	2	
Rudersdorff, E., 6 numbers of periodicals,	11	2
Rues, Eddy and Co., <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Rutgers College, <i>New Brunswick, N. J.</i> ,		1
Sabin, J., and Sons, <i>New York</i> ,	1	
Sabine, John D., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Saint John, <i>N. B.</i> , City of,	3	
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association,		1
— Public School Library,		3
St. Stephen's House,		10
Salem, City of,		9
— North Church and Society,	1	
— Union School,		1
Salford, <i>England</i> , Museum and Library,		2
Salisbury, Hon. Stephen, <i>Worcester</i> ,	4	
Sands, Rear-Admiral B. F., <i>U. S. Naval Observatory</i> ,	5	2
San Francisco, <i>Cal.</i> , Mercantile Library Association,	1	
— Odd Fellows Library Association,		1
Sargent, Epes,	2	
Saunders, Dr. W. Sedgwick, <i>Guildhall Library, London</i> ,	1	
Savage, E. H., <i>Chief of Police</i> ,	1	1
Scharff, Col. J. Thomas, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , newspaper cutting,		
Schlegel, Everett and Co.,		1
Schlesische Blinden-Unterrichts-Anstalt, <i>Breslau</i> ,		1
Schoenhof and Moeller,	1	
Scudder, Samuel H., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	1	
Searle, F. A., 536 broadsides,		
Sears, David, Estate of,	128	
Sheffield, <i>England</i> , Committee of Free Public Libraries,		5
Sibley, John L., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	2	1
Siders, Henry, <i>Hingham</i> ,		1
Silas Bronson Library, <i>Waterbury, Ct.</i> ,		3
Sinnickson, Robert, <i>Trenton, N. J.</i> , 4 broadsides,		1
Slack, Charles W.,	1	
Slack, Francis, <i>M. D., Cambridge</i> ,	1	
Slade, Obadiah, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Smith, Miss A. Lizzie,	1	
Smith, Alfred Russell,	1	
Smith, Hon. Jerome V. C., <i>M. D., New York City</i> ,	1	
Smith, John C., <i>Galena, Ill.</i> ,	1	
Smith, Samuel, <i>Worcester</i> ,	1	
Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	2	
Snider, D. J., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> ,		1
Snow, Edwin M., <i>M. D., Providence, R. I.</i> ,		2
Social Law Library, 1 number of a periodical,		

DONORS.	Vols.	Fph.
Society of Arts, London,	1	
Somerville, Public Library,	2	
Southboro', Town Clerk,		7
South Carolina, University of, <i>Columbia</i> ,		1
Southgate, Rev. William S., <i>Annapolis, Md.</i> ,	1	
Southwick, Miss,	13	
Spalding, Rev. George B., <i>Dover, N. H.</i> ,		1
Spalding, Rt. Rev. John S., <i>D. D., Erie, Pa.</i> , 21 numbers of a periodical,		2
Springfield, City Library Association,	1	
Squire, John P., <i>Arlington</i> ,		12
Stansbury, Charles F., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		2
Staples, S. E., <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Stevens Institute of Technology, <i>Hoboken, N. J.</i> ,		1
Stevenson, J. T.,		1
Stewart, C. F., <i>Concord, N. H.</i> ,		1
Stimpson, Charles M.,	2	
Stoddard, Charles, Estate of,		38
Stone, Gen. Charles P., <i>Chief of Staff, Cairo, Egypt</i> ,	2	
Stone, Rev. Edward C., <i>Harford, Ct.</i> ,	3	
Stratton, Henry B.,	8	
Straznicky, Dr. E. R., <i>Astor Library, New York</i> ,		1
Sturtevant, E. Lewis, <i>M. D., South Framingham</i> ,		1
Sumner, Hon. Charles, 1 newspaper,	21	12
Sykes, Joseph,	1	
Syracuse, N. Y., Board of Education,		1
Taft, Rev. S. H., <i>Humboldt, Iowa</i> ,		1
Taunton, Public Library,		1
Tennessee School for the Blind, <i>Nashville</i> ,		2
Tenney, Rev. E. P., <i>Ashland</i> ,	59	32
Tenney, Mrs. Harriet A., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,		1
Thayer, Miss C. C.,	5	
Thayer, David, <i>M. D.</i> ,		3
Thornton, J. Wingate,	5	
Thurman, William C., 2 newspapers,		8
Thwing, S. C.,	199	
Tilly, Hon. Samuel L., Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia,	40	6
Times Publishing Company,	1	
Titus, Charles H.,		2
Tobey, Hon. Edward S., 222 numbers of periodicals,	1	526
Toner, J. M., <i>M. D., Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Toohy, J. H., <i>Chelsea</i> , 8 numbers of periodicals,		1
Townsend, Mary Ashley, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,	1	
Trumbull, Hon. J. Hammond, <i>Harford, Ct.</i> ,	1	
Tufts College, <i>College Hill</i> ,		2
Turner, Alfred T., <i>City Auditor</i> ,	1	8
Turner, John, <i>M. D.</i> ,	18	1
Tuttle, C. W.,		1
Tweed, Prof. B. F., <i>Medford</i> ,		287
Union Theological Seminary, <i>New York</i> ,		1
United States, Adjutant-General's Office,		1
— Bureau of Education,	3	9
— Bureau of Indian Affairs,	1	
— Bureau of Statistics,	3	
— Census Office,	2	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
United States, Chief of Ordnance,	4	
— Department of the Interior,	60	
— Department of the Navy,	1	
— Department of the Post-Office,	18	3
— Department of State,	3	
— Department of the Treasury,	2	
— Department of War, 40 numbers of a periodical, .	1	
— Library of Congress,		1
— Naval Observatory,	1	
— Office of the Chief of Engineers,	4	
— Patent Office,	28	19
— Signal Office,	5	
— Surgeon General's Office, 2 numbers of a periodical,	4	1
United States Military Post Library Association, <i>New York</i> ,		4
Upham, J. Baxter, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Upham, R. F., <i>Worcester</i> ,		2
Upton, <i>Hon.</i> George B.,	1	
Van Amringe, J. H., <i>New York</i> ,	2	
Vassar College, <i>Poughkeepsie, N. Y.</i> ,		9
Vauchez, Emmanuel, <i>Paris</i> ,		2
Vaughan, W.,		1
Vermont State Library, <i>Montpelier</i> ,	9	3
Vibbert, <i>Rev.</i> George H., <i>Somerville</i> , 44 broadsides, .		62
Vinton, Frederic, <i>Princeton, N. J.</i> ,		1
Virginia, State of,		1
Vose, J. T.,		1
Wallace, <i>Lieut.</i> William, <i>U. S. N.</i> ,	8	
Waltham, Town of,		1
Walther, G. J.,	25	
Warner, <i>Hon.</i> Oliver, <i>Springfield</i> ,	8	
Warren, William F., <i>D. D.</i> , 2 broadsides, 113 newspapers, 56 numbers of periodicals,	12	94
Washburn, <i>Mrs.</i> Margaret, <i>Frankfort, Me.</i> ,	4	
Washington, <i>D. C.</i> , Library,		1
Waterston, <i>Rev.</i> R. C.,		1
Watertown, Free Public Library,		3
Weller and Metcalf, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> ,		5
Wells, William N., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Wesleyan University, <i>Middletown, Ct.</i> ,	1	
Western Lunatic Asylum, <i>Staunton, Va.</i> ,		1
Western Reserve College, <i>Hudson, Ohio</i> ,		1
Westford, Town of,		1
West Roxbury, Town Clerk,		5
West Springfield, Town of,		1
West Virginia, State of,		1
Wheeler, William A., 2 broadsides, 1 map, 1 newspaper, .	20	29
Wheildon, William W., <i>Concord</i> , 1 number of a periodical,	6	2
Whipple, Charles K.,		66
Whittaker, A. E., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,		3
White, Ambrose H.,	1	
White, J. C., <i>M. D.</i> , 47 numbers of periodicals,	1	40
Whitelift, H. R., <i>Carson City, Nevada</i> ,	1	
Whiting, <i>Mrs.</i> William, 22 maps,	232	7
Whitmore, William H.,	2	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Whitney, Rev. F. A.,		1
Whitney, Prof. H. M. Beloit, Wis.,	1	
Whitney, James L., 2 broadsides, 2 numbers of periodicals,	5	27
Whitney, Prof. William D., LL. D., New Haven, Ct.,	1	2
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P.,		1
Wiles, Alvah T., Zanesville, Ohio,		1
Willcox, E. S., Peoria, Ill.,		2
Willey, Henry, New Bedford,		1
Williams, David, New York, 1 number of a periodical,		
Williams, Henry J., Philadelphia,	1	
Williams, Hon. J. M. S., Cambridge,		1
Williams, Major J. Otis,	1	1
Williams, James, Columbus, Ohio,	1	
Williams College, Williamstown,		1
Wilmington Institute, Wilmington, Del.,		1
Wilson, Mr.,		6
Wilson, Vice-President Henry, Natick,	10	
Wilson, H. H., Philadelphia,	1	
Wilson, Col. Henry W.,	2	
Wilson, Hinkle and Co., Cincinnati, Ohio,	4	
Winchester, Caleb T., Middletown, Ct.,		1
Wing, J. M. and Co., Chicago, Ill.,	1	
Winsor, Justin,	4	5
Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., 8 broadsides and 52 numbers of periodicals,	8	177
Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, 1 broadside,		
Wisconsin Institution for the Education of the Blind, Janesville,		1
Woburn, Library Committee,		1
Wolle, H. H., Philadelphia,	1	
Woods, George, and Co., Cambridge,	1	
Woodward, R. B., San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Worcester Young Men's Christian Association,		1
Worthington and Flanders,	2	
Yale College, New Haven, Ct.,		3
Young, Rev. Edward J., Cambridge,		1

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APPENDIX XIII.

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.		THIRD REGISTRATION.							
			1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	Totals.
I.	Applications.	Central Library	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,096	6,688	6,670	8,016	53,594
		E. B. Branch				2,520	993	825	1,244	5,383
		S. B. Branch					232	3,094	1,666	4,962
		Roz. Branch							3,475	3,475
		Cha. Branch							603	603
		Bri. Branch							106	106
		Total	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	10,596	15,202	68,245
II.	Applications sent to Police (for verification when needed).	Central Library	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	3,419	3,642	21,153
		E. B. Branch				1,012	474	266	463	2,215
		S. B. Branch						645	515	1,160
		Roz. Branch							237	237
		Cha. Branch							11	11
		Bri. Branch							0	0
		Total	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,052	3,350	4,330	4,868	24,776
III.	Cards Re-fused (mostly for non-residency or under age).	Central Library	233	202	179	241	267	288	287	1,697
		E. B. Branch				80	28	10	12	130
		S. B. Branch						64	36	100
		Roz. Branch							89	89
		Cha. Branch							3	3
		Bri. Branch							3	3
		Total	233	202	179	321	295	362	430	2,022
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	Central Library	852	589	404	393	439	409	291	3,377
		E. B. Branch				117	151	93	90	451
		S. B. Branch						179	65	244
		Roz. Branch							17	17
		Cha. Branch							0	0
		Bri. Branch							1	1
		Total	852	589	404	510	590	681	894	4,020

APPENDIX XIII.— *Continued.*

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.							
		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	Totals.
V.	Applications Cancelled. (Six months on file, and one month longer after notice.)	Central Library . . . . .	...	...	1,215	264	106	245	1,930
		E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	82	45	46	173
		S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	82	106	188
		Rox. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	17	17
		Chn. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
		Brl. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
		Total . . . . .	...	...	1,215	346	323	414	2,298
VI	Cards in use (deducting Classes III and V.)	Central Library . . . . .	...	...	30,180	36,307	42,493	7,484	...
		E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	2,240	3,123	3,694	...	...
		S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	3,180	4,704	...
		Rox. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	2,673	...
		Chn. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	2,346*	7,320
		Brl. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	106	11,378
		Total . . . . .	...	...	32,390	39,430	48,667	†	...

* The entire Registration from June 7, 1869, to May 1, 1874, is 7,320, leaving 4,974 for de removals, and old cards not renewed, in 5 years.

† During the year an attempt has been made to separate the slips of persons believed now to be using the Library, distinguishing them by the fact of their visiting the libraries during the year, and the result, which is of course but approximate, shows that nearly 40,000 cards may be considered *alive*.

‡ Includes 1,373 names registered before annexation.

APPENDIX XIII.—*Concluded.*
MEMORANDA.

MEMORANDA.	1873.				1874.							
	CENTRAL LIBRARY.	E. B.	S. B.		CENT'L.	E. B.	S. B.	ROX.	CHM.	BEL.	TOTAL.	
Largest weekly No. of applicants .	202	204	34	197	298	81	64	138	64	15	680	
Month of this last	Oct.	Nov.	. . . . .	May	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	July	Feb.	Jan.	
Smallest weekly No. of applicants .	66	68	3	17	74	3	9	15	20	2	123	
Month of this last	May	June	. . . . .	Dec.	July	June	June	June	April	March	
Weekly average	128	138	16	60	168	24	32	62	41	6	323	
Largest daily number	39	46	14	63	64	21	18	39	22	5	169	
Date of same	Feb. 23.	Sept. 28.	Feb. 1.	May 11.	Jan. 24.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 24.	July 21.	Feb. 14.	Jan. 17, etc.	
Smallest daily number	2	1	0	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	
Date of same	Sept. 18.	May 30.	. . . . .	May 30.	July 3.	. . . . .	Several.	June 20.	April 23.	Several.	
Dorchester applicants *	293	285	. . . . .	. . . . .	227	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	707
Cards reported lost	2,493	2,483	402	711	2,764	521	549	93	64	6	3,997	
Of these replaced	1,636	1,701	209	512	2,181	406	441	72	83	6	3,144	
Cards detained for fines	273	350	382	192	488	82	322	56	10	1	959	
Cancellation warnings	327	241	51	112	291	80	129	29	0	0	479	
Of these cards called for	63	45	. . . . .	. . . . .	46	102	23	1	0	0	173

* The number of Dorchester applicants reported in 1870 was 565; in 1871, 263, making with the above, to date, 1,433.

APPENDIX XIV.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED. USE OF BRITISH PATENTS AND TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED.*						USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.							
	Total recom- mended.		Already in Library.				Received since.		Persons.	Hours' use.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.	Copies.
	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
1854	123	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1855	221	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1856	121	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1857	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1858	88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1859	178	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1860	91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1861	115	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1862	204	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1863	135	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1864	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1865	53	..	..	..	..	..	182	243	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1866	306	..	..	..	..	..	187	248	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1867	546	..	95	..	260	..	197	248	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1868	1,120	..	183	..	423	..	299	367	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1869	1,178	..	226	..	535	..	361	589	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1870 (nine months)	1,231	..	257	..	448	..	346	389	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1871	1,665	..	418	..	549	..	347	301	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1872	*1,576	..	334	..	756	..	642	815	..	..	..	..	..	..	812	3
1873	1,625	..	839	..	763	..	973	1,801	119	221	142	160	642	4	..	..
1874	1,900	290	467	48	1,028	127	1,490	2,691	137	251	152	218	758	..	..	..

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended," the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended" does not appear in this table. For instance, of the 1,120 — (183 + 423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

* The partial closure of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

Patents. — The American and French Patents have been placed in an alcove contiguous to the room of the British Patents, and the whole collection put in charge of a Curator. No record is made of the use of either the American or French Patents.

Engravings. — These are shown by the Curator, Mondays and Saturdays; and the statistics refer only to the bound volumes, not to those framed and on the walls.

APPENDIX XV.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.											
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Poetic Literature	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12	19	16
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Poetic Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13	10	12	11
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Poetic Literature	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	6	6
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Poetic Literature	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	3
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Poetic Literature	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Poetic Literature	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3	4	3
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2
Greek, Latin, and Philology	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	4
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transactions	3	1.5	2.5	5	7	5	4	5	1	1	1	1
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10	8	8
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11	10	11
Natural History and Science	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14	10	11
Medicine	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9	8	7
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	5	6
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound.	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	2

NOTE. — In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker, and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix IX.

The want of a Catalogue to the Spanish books of the Ticknor Library has continued to prevent any use of those books which would enter into the statistics.

APPENDIX XVI. LOWER HALL READING.

Class No.	ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1868.		1869.		1870. (Nine months).		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.	
			Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX.	Sciences, Arts, Professions.	10,522	7.4	11,436	6.97	7,607	4.9	12,602	5.7	16,906	6	12,767	6+	14,422	7
2	II, XII.	American History and Politics	2,533	1.8	2,682	1.63	2,071	1.4	2,270	1	2,026	-1	1,496	1	2,705	3
3	IX, XIX.	Foreign History and Politics	3,030	2.1	3,221	1.96	2,886	1.5	3,702	1.2	2,715	1+	1,863	1	2,384	3
4	III, XIII.	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Miscellaneous, Essays, etc.	3,892	2.6	2,461	1.5	2,441	1.5	5,964	2.7	8,019	4	7,661	7	8,636	4
5	IV, XIV.	Prose fiction for adults and youths	105,227	74.2	125,273	70.36	129,355	78.4	167,604	77.2	178,438	76	154,835	74	188,483	71
6	VII, XVII.	Biography.	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.78	4,025	2.7	5,108	2.2	4,106	2	2,641	1	5,027	3
7	V, XV.	Travels, Voyages, etc. . . .	3,289	2.3	5,363	3.26	5,154	3.4	6,062	2.8	4,998	3	3,631	1	6,290	3
8	VI, XVI.	Collections, Periodicals, etc..	5,941	4.2	4,560	2.77	5,747	3.8	11,530	5.2	14,815	6	17,167	8	15,563	7
9	VIII, XVIII. . . .	French, German and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	4,451	2	2,691	1+	5,241	2	6,368	3
10	X, XX, except ranges 8, 9, 10 . .		141,563	..	164,038	..	153,423	..	216,696	..	223,564	..	207,382	..	221,418	..

NOTE. — The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVII. **EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.** *(Shown from slips of Books returned.)*

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1871. (3 mos.)		1872.		1873.		1874.	
			Books returned.	Per. centage.	Books returned.	Per. centage.	Books returned.	Per. centage.	Books returned.	Per. centage.
I.	10, 11, 12, 19, 21 . . .	Biography	669	3	1,104	1	729	1	1,216	1+
II.	4, 33	Collections, Libraries, etc. . . .	552	2	1,002	1	632	1	801	1
III.	24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34	Fiction in Prose	8,503	36	31,987	43	30,373	45	37,350	46
IV.	27	Foreign Books	27	-1	57	..	62	..	43	..
V.	13, 14, 18, 35	History	1,096	5	1,819	2	1,197	2	1,579	2+
VI.	1, 2.	Juvenile Books	6,639	28	25,855	35	25,411	37	28,786	33
VII.	15, 20	Miscellaneous	747	3	1,256	2	798	1+	1,317	1+
VIII.	5, 6, 7, 17, 37, 39, 40, 41	Periodicals (bound)	1,119	5	4,009	6	3,914	6	4,786	-5
IX.	16, 22	Poetry and Drama	2,071	9	2,447	4	1,131	-2	2,206	2+
X.	3, 36, 38	Sciences, Arts, Professions . . .	883	3	2,067	3	1,527	2	1,997	2
XI.	8, 9, 23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5	2,296	3	1,863	3	2,241	-3
XII.	25	Patent Office Reports . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
		Totals	23,575	..	73,830	..	67,637	..	80,423	..

NOTE. — The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether fiction, history, biography, etc., would require.

APPENDIX XVIII.

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1873.		1874.	
			Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.
I.	15, 16	American History and Biography	2,604	-3	2,974	-3
II.	5, 6, 7, 8 . . .	Foreign History and Biography	1,867	2	2,242	2+
III.	83, 84, 86 . . .	Travels, Voyages	3,054	3+	3,302	3+
IV.	18, 28, 29, 32 .	Professions	349	-1	436	-1
V.	25	Poetry and Drama	1,909	2	2,092	2+
VI.	81, 89	Arts and Sciences	3,373	3+	3,454	3+
VII.	3, 4, 17, 20, 27, 30, 35	Miscellanies, Collect'ns, etc.	3,162	3+	3,480	3+
VIII.	1, 2, 19	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	4,140	4+	5,204	5+
IX.	11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26	Fiction and Juveniles . . .	76,222	78	85,047	78+
X.	10	Patents	26	} -1	8	..
XI.	40	Foreign Languages	91		65	..
		Totals	96,797	..	108,364	

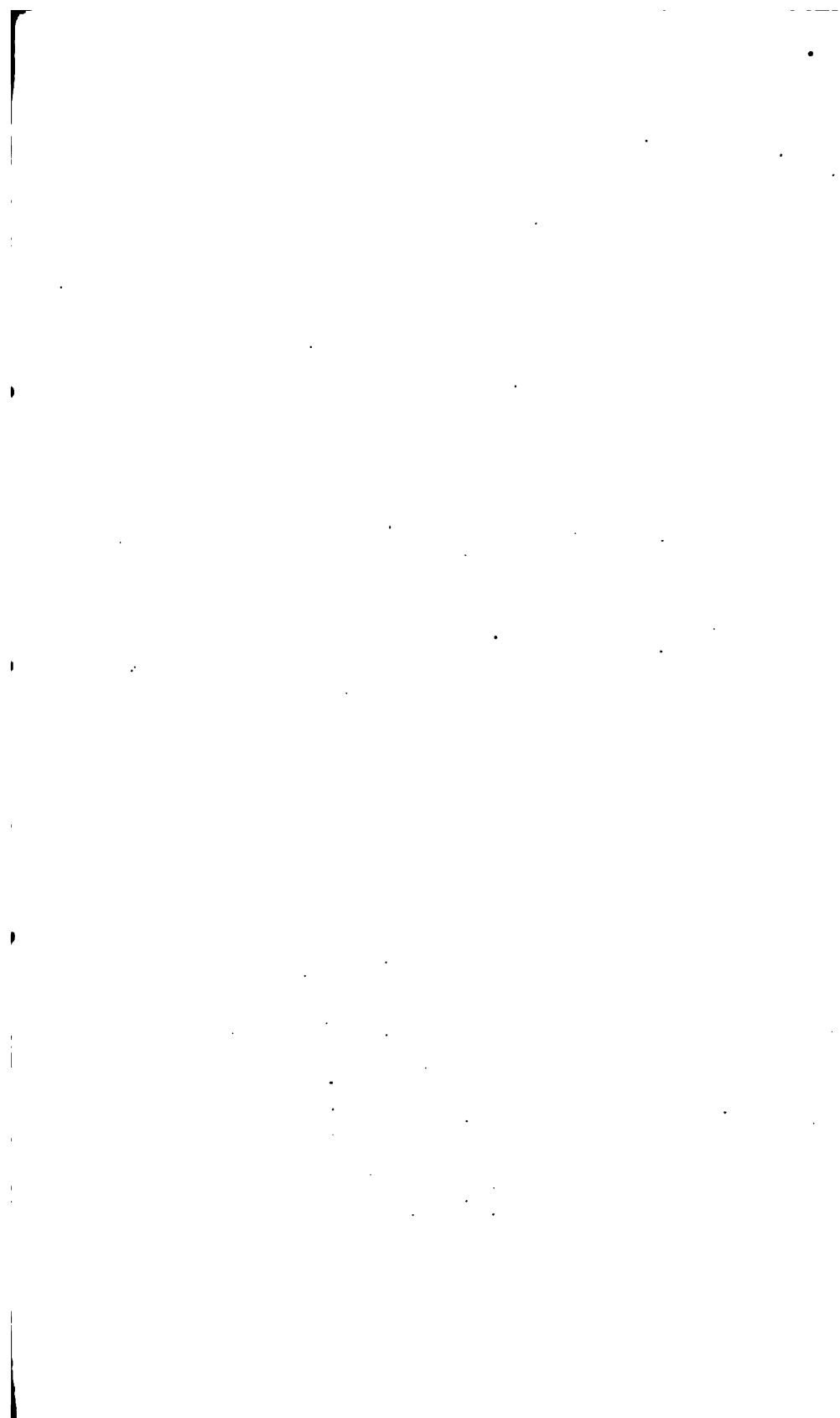
The grouping of the classifications is varied a little from that in the table for East Boston, in order to show the classes of reading in somewhat different relations.

APPENDIX XIX.

ROXBURY BRANCH AND FELLOWES ATHENÆUM READING.

NOTE.—The two sections of this table, refer to two different collections of books.

Rox. Br. Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874.	
			Books Returned.	Per- centage.
I.	1, 3, 5, 7 .	Prose Fiction	28,575	-49
II.	2, 4	Travels	2,623	-5
III.	6, 8	History	1,121	-3
IV.	9, 11	Juveniles	19,261	33+
V.	10, 12	Biography	1,351	2+
VI.	13, 14	Periodicals	1,019	-3
VII.	15, 17	Arts, Sciences, Professions	2,657	4+
VIII.	16	Poetry and Drama	1,219	2+
IX.	18, 19	Collected Works and Lit. Miscellaneous	724	-3
X.	20	Books in Foreign Languages	55	
F. A. Class No.		Total	53,605	
I.	50, 54, 59 .	History, Biography, Travels	1,982	35
II.	55, 57	Modern Foreign Languages	729	13
III.	51, 53, 55, 57	Periodicals	160	2
IV.	52, 56	Miscellaneous Literature	661	12
V.	58	Theology, Sociology, Ethics	412	7
VI.	60	Medicine	46	1
VII.	61	Greek and Lat. Languages and Literature	263	5
VIII.	62	Fine Arts, Engineering	684	12
IX.	63, 69	Law, Politics, Government	36	1
X.	64, 66, 68 .	Mathematics, Natu. and Applied Science	719	12
		Total	5,691	



4. Religious	18	17	17	17	36	41	43	39	3	7	10	14	4	77
5. Illustrated and Foreign Papers	12	17	14	14	23	23	39	26	2	5	26	6	2	67
6. Commercial	9	9	11	11	21	22	16	18	1	1	1	..	..	21
7. Fashion	6	6	8	8	10	14	17	8	5	3	3	2	2	23
8. Illustrated Comic Magazines .	3	3	5	5	4	5	7	5	1	2	1	1	..	10
9. Juveniles	3	4	8	8	14	19	21	12	3	4	4	2	1	23
10. Fine Arts	3	4	4	4	13	15	17	15	2	1	4	2	..	24
Total, excluding duplicates .	208	234	294	304	402	426	474	395	42	44	70	76	23	650
STATISTICS OF USE.														
Number of days open	289	300	†229	†230	..	308	..	360	360	360	311	116	117	..
Total readers	55,284	\$76,892	\$91,674	117,202	193,417	171,519	218,538	162,967	19,186	26,073	16,851	8,637	..	233,704
Daily average readers	191	256	306	510	675	557	678	453	53	72	54	74	..	706
Magazines read, total	81,783	88,034	138,122	142,962	269,150	254,159	288,462	218,268	83,845	47,321	23,321	6,760	..	329,524
Magazines read, daily average . .	283	293	455	622	992	825	897	606	94	131	75	58	..	964

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List issued by the Library.

† Nine months.

‡ Eleven months and no vacation.

§ This includes for 1889, 2,121, and for 1888, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made.

Note. — The use of newspapers at the Charlestown Branch is not included, but the number of readers of them is. No statistics of use at Brighton are practicable under the present arrangements.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.—Continued.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1874.								TOTALS.
		B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Box.	CH'N.	BEL.		
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	4,138	16,905	3,232	4,845	2,442	948	413	31,063	
2	Books returned after notice	3,950	14,682	3,141	4,030	2,342	939	406	30,149	
3	Books sent for by messenger	188	1,223	108	156	58	19	7	1,759	
4	Books recovered by messenger	180	1,159	105	156	56	19	6	1,690	
5	Books not recovered	8	64	8	0	2	0	2	79	
6	Books condemned	0	1,757	143	317	26	144	13	2,299	
7	Books covered . . . . .	.....	43,843	37,844	35,491	30,233	3,593	2,088	152,102
8	Persons finable not paying messenger	51	406	31	112	39	—	2	701	
9	Fines collected by messenger	\$59.24	\$218.12	\$21.74	\$14.06	\$5.88	—	\$2.12	\$321.76	
10	Fines uncollected by messenger	\$37.34	\$167.76	\$11.06	\$27.72	\$11.46	—	.78	\$265.12	
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	.....	\$25.76	.52	\$1.00	\$2.00	—	.64	\$29.92
12	Residences changed without notice . . . . .	.....	.....	62	53	9	—	—	129
13	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	.....	1,672	523	612	324	155	25	6,354

NOTE.—The figures for Charlestown and Brighton cover only four months.

APPENDIX XXII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GENERAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT.	1870-71.		1871-72.		1872-73.		1873-74.		Paid into City Treasury from sales of Catalogues.
	City appropriations.	Expended.	City appropriations.	Expended.	City appropriations.	Expended.	City appropriations.	Expended.	
Binding	\$4,400	\$5,231 38	\$5,200	\$5,569 12	\$4,000†	\$2,511 10	\$5,866	\$5,383 63	1859 \$437 80
Books	7,500	{ 12,109 68	9,000	{ 14,538 60	9,000	{ 12,677 89	35,897 28	{ 44,131 56	1860 450 00
Periodicals*		{ 1,979 63		{ 3,180 08		{ 1,895 84		{ 2,679 87	1861 246 34
Catalogues (printing)	4,800	3,433 62	5,700	3,731 85	5,500	3,943 16	8,610	7,513 20	1862 350 00
Expense	1,600	1,678 90	2,000	2,467 04	2,000	2,628 59	4,305	3,141 01	1863 528 49
Fuel	1,300	1,083 80	1,650	1,596 20	1,650	1,543 75	2,680	2,720 50	1864 314 60
Furniture (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.)	1,300	1,982 03	1,650	2,012 88	1,500	1,662 90	2,870	1,463 55	1865 385 64
Gas	1,700	2,041 76	2,200	2,303 96	2,600	2,425 46	6,022	3,460 06	1866 298 92
Printing (miscellaneous)	1,700	2,247 28	{ 2,200	{ 2,299 14					1867 504 18
Stationery	1,050	1,303 96	1,400	1,637 44	4,000	4,217 59	6,457	5,280 72	1868 507 72
Salaries	30,000	29,074 00	36,000	34,507 71	39,650	38,252 45	50,000	48,782 76	1869 659 85
Transportation, Postage, etc.	700	947 22	1,000	1,210 85	1,200	1,213 87	2,440	2,440 24	1870 998 63

BRANCHES.	East Boston Br.		South Boston and Rox. Branches.				Rox. Branch completing outft.		1871	
									1872	1873
Books and Periodicals	4,250	3,899 06	. . . . .	. . . . .	{ S. B. 3,000	3,637 76	{ Ch'n 746 55	602 40	1,472 44	1,631 79
Fixtures, Catalogues, Print'g, etc	1,700	2,323 41	. . . . .	. . . . .	{ Rox. 3,000	2,374 10	{ Brl. . . . .	. . . . .	1,472 44	1,631 79
Salaries	3,000	1,117 35	. . . . .	. . . . .	{ S. B. 4,500	4,669 30	{ Ch'n	343 42	1,472 44	1,631 79
			. . . . .	. . . . .	{ Rox. 4,500	595 25	{ Brl.	175 34	1,472 44	1,631 79
			. . . . .	. . . . .	{ S. B. 2,600	2,660 43	{ Rox. 3,000	4,084 97	1,472 44	1,631 79
			. . . . .	. . . . .	{ Rox. 2,600	268 88	{ Ch'n	791 87	1,472 44	1,631 79
Totals	\$65,000	\$70,443 70	\$67,000	\$74,924 84	\$91,000	\$86,408 01	\$2,181 10	\$137,563 83	\$133,775 68	\$1,652 22

*The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for Books.

†The appropriation for binding before this year had included the salaries of the workmen in the Bindery, but is now charged to the appropriation for salaries. The appropriation includes an increase of \$11,650. by vote of the City Council in December, 1871, in anticipation of the annexation of Charlestown and Brighton. The difference of the total amount expended and appropriated is met by the income of the Trust Funds.

NOTE. — The expenditures for books cover the cost of those charged to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City and also includes such as are bought with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequently to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining Branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.

The money for Books bought on account of the Fellowship Athenæum is spent under the direction of the Book Committee of the Trustees of the Fellows Fund.

APPENDIX XXIII.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Assistant Superintendent.*

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Principal Assistant.*

EDWARD CAPEN, *Auditor.*

Charles A. Wilson, *Despatch Clerk.*

Miss A. A. Nichols, *Accountant.*

John Barry, *Superintendent's Runner.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Chief.*

James L. Whitney, *Principal Assistant*; Max Auerbach, *Assistant and Curator of Patent Room*; J. Otis Williams, *Curator of Pamphlets and Engravings*; William H. Foster, *Proof-Reader.*

Mrs. R. M. Eastman, *Extra Work*; Mrs. S. A. Joslyn, Miss M. E. Joslyn, *Assistants*; Miss Margaret Allen, *Pamphlets*; Miss A. P. Call, *Cataloguer for Branches*; Miss H. E. Green, *Curator of Public Card Catalogue.*

Miss Alice M. Porée, Miss Maude Ross, *Assistants.*

ORDERING AND RECEIVING DEPARTMENT.

Miss HARRIET N. PIKE, *Chief Clerk.*

Miss M. I. Brooks, *Assistant*; Miss Mary A. McGrath (*extra*), *Assistant*; Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, *Newspapers and Duplicates*; Ellen Stevenson, *Attendant.*

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. L. T. BARTON, *Custodian.*

Appleton P. C. Griffin, *Assistant Custodian*; Annie M. Kennedy, *Assistant.*

BATES HALL DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH SYKES, *Keeper.*

Miss L. S. Norton, Miss E. T. Hill, *Assistants.*

John Bresnahan, Timothy Donovan, F. H. Thomas, E. M. Thomas, *Runners.*

LOWER HALL DEPARTMENT.

ELBRIDGE BRADSHAW, *Keeper.*

Miss Elizabeth S. Haley, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Lydia F. Knowles, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Ellen E. Bresnahan, *Keeper's Clerk*; Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, *Assistants.*

Ellen F. McCarthy, Ella Sturmy, Mary Connors, Margaret Donovan, Henrietta E. Mack (*extra*), M. A. Mears (*extra*), *Runners.*

W. F. Robinson, *Registration Clerk.*

Miss Elizabeth Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk.*

Miss Caroline E. Porée, *Reading Room Attendant.*

EVENING SERVICE. J. M. W. Pratt, *Registration Clerk*; —————
Delivery Clerk; Miss Catharine McGrath, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Amelia
McGrath, *Assistant*; R. B. Ross, *Reading Room Attendant*; Geo. W. Evans,
Runner.

SUNDAY SERVICE. Fred. Kyle, *Reading Room Attendant.*

JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor.*

Thomas Collins, *Assistant.*

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

FRANK P. HATHAWAY, *Foreman.*

Andrew M. Blake, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, *Assistants.*

NOTE.—The binderies of Jackson and Dale, Jerome Seidensticker, M. M.
Chick, J. W. Ripley, and G. H. Flattich are also employed.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH.

Miss SARAH C. GODBOLD, *Librarian.*

Miss Mary B. Pray, Miss A. M. Wing, *Assistants.*

Mary E. Cathcart, *Runner.*

G. H. Hosea, *Janitor.*

Misses N. S. Lennon, G. Chilcott, Alice Ellis, and Laura Morse, *Substitutes
and extra Assistants.*

Miss Emma M. Nutter, *Sunday Service.*

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

Mrs. ANNA C. D. KEEN, *Librarian.*

Misses L. Anna Baldwin, E. A. Eaton, A. J. Bragdon, *Assistants.*

H. E. McCarthy, *Runner.*

Joseph Baker, *Janitor.*

Misses E. Watson, M. Webster, Eliz. McCarthy, Emma Davis, and Mary
Watson, *Substitutes and extra Assistants.*

Mrs. L. A. Dunham, *Sunday Service.*

ROXBURY BRANCH.

Miss H. C. PRICE, *Librarian.*

Mrs. Julia A. Nye (*also Sunday Service*), Miss Marietta Goldsmith,
Miss Clara E. Sanborn, *Assistants.*

Margaret E. Blood, *Runner.*

Charles R. Curtis, *Janitor.*

Misses Ella Blood, Louisa Floden, Rita Bellows, and Mary Floden, *Sub-
stitutes and extra Assistants.*

CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.

Dr. CORNELIUS S. CARTER, *Librarian.*Misses Susan Edwards, S. M. Eberle, *Assistants*Lillian Davis, *Runner.*Thomas E. Smith, *Janitor.*Misses A. M. Stevens, A. E. Eberle, and Howard Doane, *Extra Assistants.*Mr. H. F. Smith, *Sunday Service.*

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

Miss MARY J. BOWKER, *Librarian.*Miss C. A. Wentworth, *Assistant.* B. T. Grailey, *Runner.*Miss K. F. Wellington, *Sunday Service.*

AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Lee and Shepard, *Boston.*Messrs. Little, Brown and Co., and Sampson Low, Marston, Low and Searle,
*Boston and London.*Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris.*Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipzig.*Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence.*

SUMMARY.

	Regulars.	Extras.	
Superintendent	1		
Auditor, Accountant, Despatch Clerk, and Runner	4		
Catalogue Department	12	1	
Ordering and Receiving Department	4	1	Central Library.
Shelf Department	3		48 reg'ars.
B. H. Circulating Department	7		10 extras.
L. H. Circulating Department, Day Service	12	2	—
L. H. Circulating Department, Evening and Sunday Service		6	58 in all.
Janitorial Department	2		
Binding Department	3		
East Boston Branch	5	5	Branches.
South Boston Branch	6	6	25 reg'ars.
Roxbury Branch	6	4	20 extras.
Charlestown Branch	5	4	—
Brighton Branch	3	1	45 in all.
Totals	73	80	
	80		
Grand Total	103		

APPENDIX XXIV.

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY,

To the Superintendent:—

SIR,—During the year ending the 30th of April, 1874, an examination has been made of the Central Library, and the East Boston, South Boston and Roxbury Branches, upon which I beg leave to present the following

REPORT.

In the Bates Hall there were missing from the shelves	
at the time of examination	2,621 vols.
Of these there were found,—	
Loaned	939
At the Binder's	852
Otherwise accounted for	800
	— 2,591 “
Not at present accounted for,—	
Books	27
Magazines imperfect in box	1
Bates Hall Catalogue	1
	— 29 “

The usual care has been taken, and persistent search has been made for these missing books, but many are without doubt misplaced, and can only be found after another examination of the alcoves.

Of the 30 volumes reported missing last year, 20 have been found during the present examination; showing that in so large a Library there is an increasing chance of books being returned to the wrong alcoves, and so temporarily missed.

Five of the pamphlets which were reported missing at the first examination in 1869, have been found during the year,

as it was then supposed they would be, bound with other pamphlets; also three books which were reported missing in 1870 have been found.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves

at the time of examination	7,395 vols.
Loaned	6,304
At the Binder's	206
Otherwise accounted for	853
	— 7,363 "

At present not accounted for, —

Fiction	11
Duplicates of Fiction	12
Miscellaneous books	9
	— 32 "

Three of these missing volumes have been added within the past year, and cannot be traced since their location; six have been lent during the year, and the remainder have not been charged to borrowers, and are not recent accessions.

Of the volumes reported missing last year, seven have been found during the present examination, wrongly numbered; also there have appeared in their proper places three other volumes — one missing in 1871, one missing in 1869, and one which was marked on the shelf-list as missing in 1867.

The number of books missing from each alcove is as follows: —

1st alcove	2 vols.	14th alcove	1 vol.
3d "	1 "	15th "	1 "
4th "	4 "	17th "	5 "
7th "	1 "	18th "	1 "
8th "	1 "	Dup's of 4th alcove	2 "
11th "	2 "	" 7th "	8 "
13th "	1 "	" 17th "	2 "

At the East Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . . 2,031 vols.

Loaned	1,745	
At the Binder's	120	
Otherwise accounted for	164	
	—	2,029 "

At present not accounted for, —

History	1	
Miscellaneous	1	
	—	2 "

At the South Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . . 2,309 vols.

Loaned	1,993	
At the Binder's	129	
Otherwise accounted for	185	
	—	2,307 "

At present not accounted for, —

Biography	1	
Juvenile	1	
	—	2 "

At the Roxbury Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination, —

Fellowes Athenæum books 293 vols.

Of these there were found, —

Loaned	289	
At the Binder's	3	
Otherwise accounted for	1	
	—	293 "

City books 2,005 vols.

There were found, —

Loaned	1,911	
At the Binder's	86	
Otherwise accounted for	6	
	—	2,003 "

At present not accounted for, —

Fiction	1	
Juvenile	1	
	—	2 "

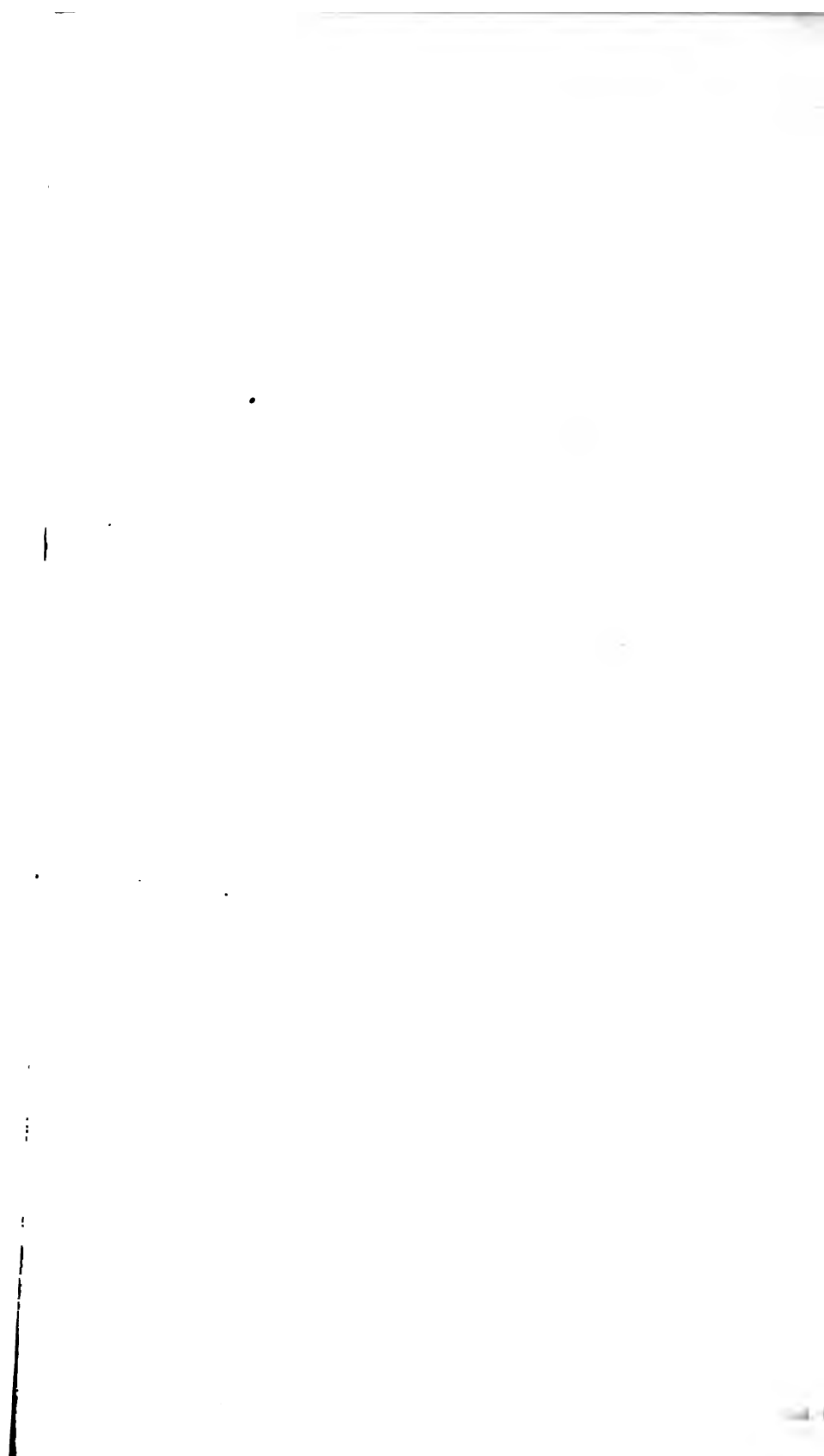


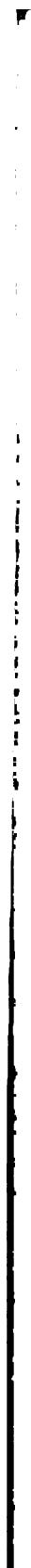
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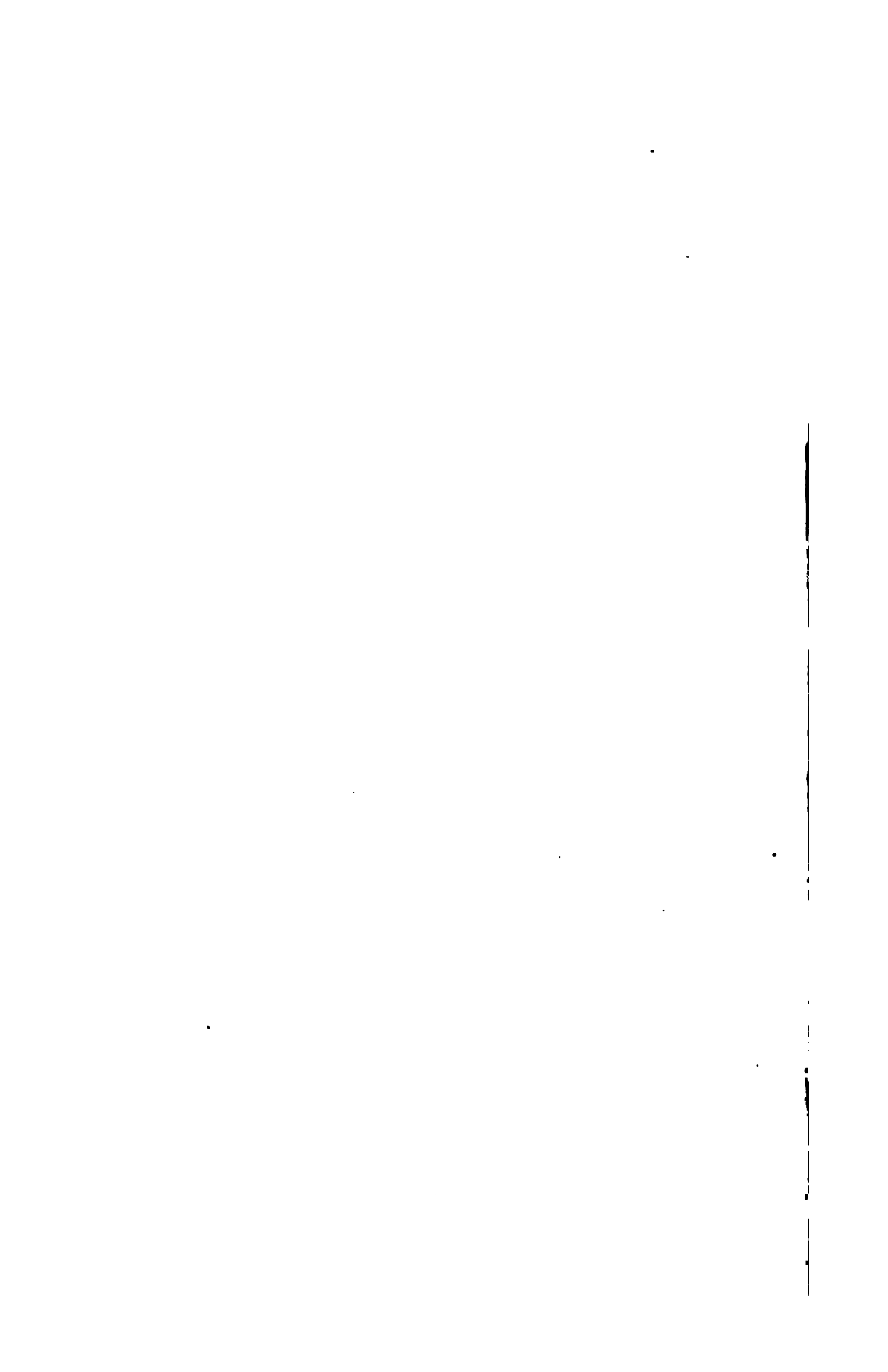
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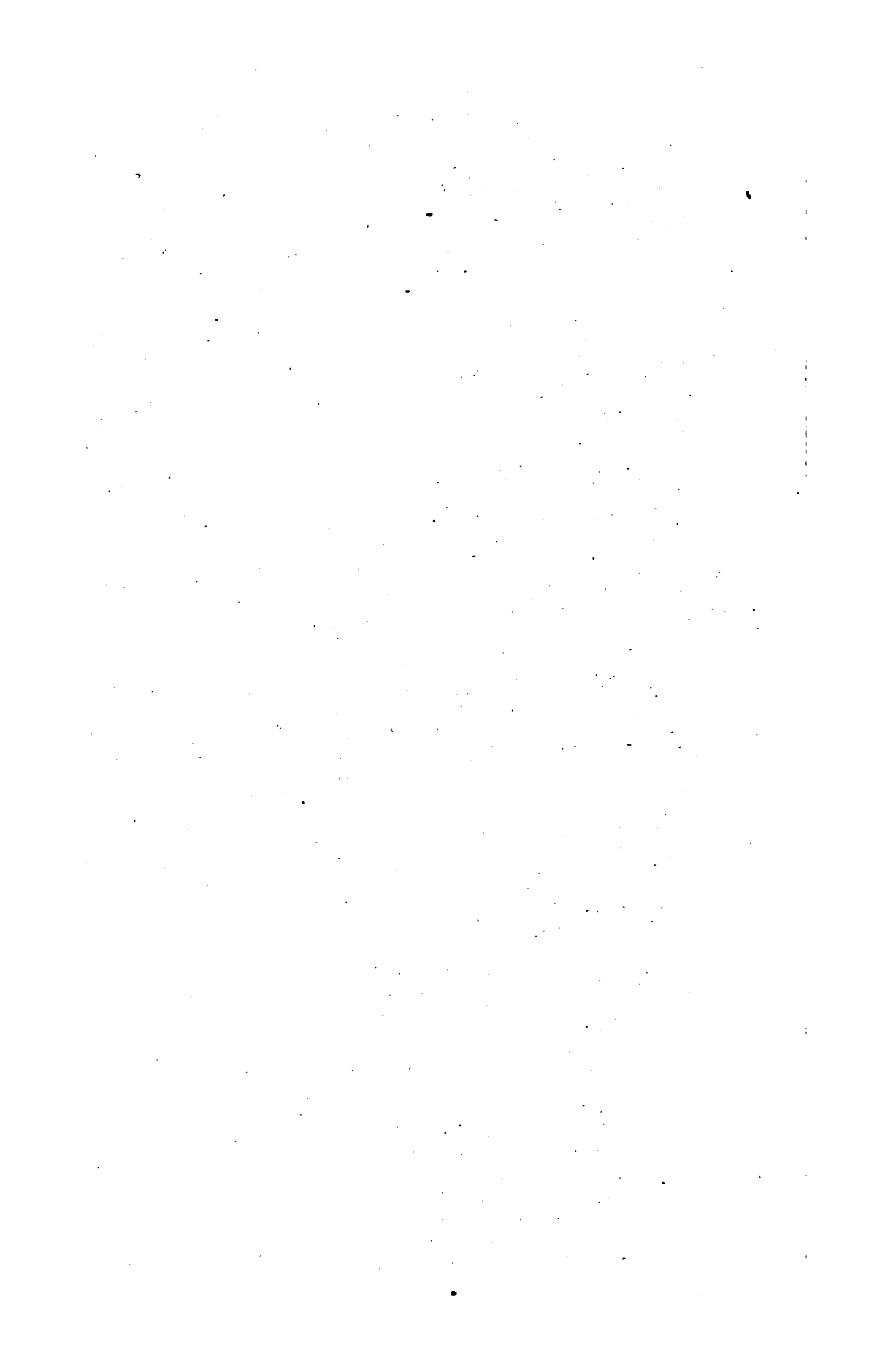
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TWENTY-THIRD

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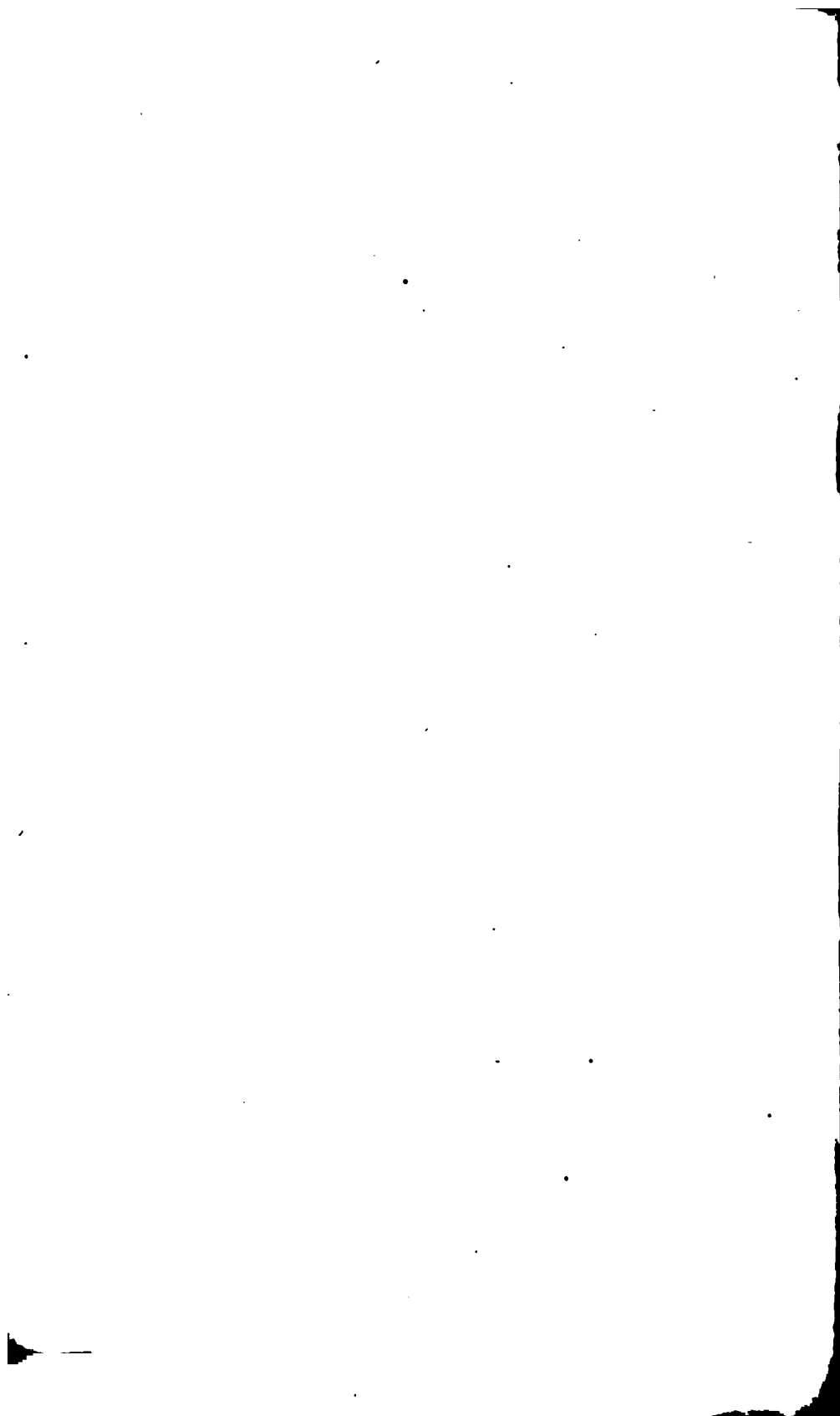
His Honor, Samuel C. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR, — I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.



TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

IN conformity with the requirements of the Ordinance concerning the Public Library, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their twenty-third Annual

REPORT,

being the sixth made under the last ordinance, and including the results of administration for the year ending on the 30th April last.

There are also submitted herewith the reports of the Superintendent and of the Examining Committee.

The report of the Superintendent, with its numerous appendixes, contains all the material facts relative to the work of the Library and its Branches during the past year. A careful examination of the details therein included is necessary to a full understanding of the administrative arrangements, and of the extent of the uses of the whole institution, of the apportionment of the expenditures, and of the large amount of clerical labor performed. The whole document is framed with a clearness and copiousness of statement that leave no material point untouched.

The Examining Committee for the present year consists of Wm. T. Adams, Esq., Rev. George A. Thayer, Hon. Benjamin F. Thomas, George W. Wales, Esq., Charles E. Ware, M. D., with David P. Kimball, Esq., of the Board of Trustees, as Chairman. The report is from the hand of the

Rev. Mr. Thayer, and in its introduction gives the first public expression of an embarrassment which has been felt for years. In the earlier days of the Library history, with a single collection of books of limited extent, it was an easy task to examine all the departments of administration, and the methods of use. But with an institution of the present size, including six Branches, it is impossible that any committee can afford the time to more than inform itself upon the general system of management, without undertaking the minute and precise inquiries customary with the early committee of citizens who were invited to and accepted the same task. These successive committees have rendered excellent service to the institution, and there is, unquestionably, a distinct value in the oversight of our present system by five intelligent, disinterested gentlemen, drawn from widely distinct classes of our citizens, — by the terms of the ordinance the committee of "citizens at large, — who, together with a Trustee as chairman, shall examine the Library and make a report of its condition to the Trustees." This simple requirement covers all the possibilities of the institution, which is bound to extend its benefits "as widely as practicable throughout the community," and this is the problem which is to be considered. Whether the trust funds are used upon the conditions for which they were given; whether the city appropriations for Library support are properly and judiciously expended; whether due attention is given to keeping the shelves furnished with the best and most recent publications needed by its widely extended constituencies, are questions for due examination and consideration. In this general way, the overseeing committee can always render real service both to the Library and to the powers who regulate its administration.

Another suggestion of the committee requires respectful notice. It is to the effect that the Bates Hall collection should be opened for readers in the hall on Sundays. This

is the same practical question which constantly arises with regard to the uses and the hours of the Library. The experience of the past twenty-three years has been simply tentative. The Trustees have gone from step to step in extending the freedom of the Library as fast as public demand required. If the presumed uses of the books were sufficient to authorize the Board to ask for additional appropriations from the City Government to meet the necessary expenses of administration, it has not failed to make such application. From the density of the surrounding population, the opening of the reading-room on Sunday, in Boylston street, has proved to be a moderate success, while in the Branches it has not been found to be either a necessity or a considerable convenience. It is just to say, however, that the success in the Central Library might have been more marked, had there been better accommodations for readers. With regard to the Bates Hall and its frequenters, the number of those who desire books for table consultation in the hall and of those who borrow books for home use is nearly equal. The freedom for hall use which is given to non-residents occasions frequent applications to the Library shelves. For this class the Sunday convenience would not contribute to the use of the books. In watching the class who desire books, as well as the periods when they wish to take them, the Trustees will give early attention to any proper demonstration looking to a still further extension of Library privileges; but as yet no such public demand is apparent. The question is one which will hereafter probably require consideration, and the suggestion at the present time will give the community opportunity to thoughtfully consider the possible results.

Upon the other points to which reference is made by the committee, the Trustees accept with pleasure the conclusion to which it arrived.

During the past year the convenience and safety of the building have been largely increased. The new tower con-

structed at the south-west corner has been finished, furnished, and devoted to the purposes for which it was needed. Other accommodations are also required for the public as well as for some of the Library departments.

With a view, then, to the requirements of the immediate future, the Trustees desire to call the attention of the City Council to a prospective enlargement of the building. The open space in the rear of the present edifice cannot now be used for the purposes for which it was intended, as the recent erection of a large stable upon Van Rensselaer place will probably preclude a nearer approach to the line of our estate than is at present attained by the recent addition; but the room necessary for the Library purposes can be acquired from the property purchased by the city for this object in 1872, and joining the building on the east.

The insufficiency of the accommodations for the visitors to the reading-room and the waiting-hall of the popular Library, apparent fully five years since, has shown itself in a more marked degree during the past year. The reading-room, containing, in accordance with the condition of Mr. Bates' legacy, one hundred chairs, with the arrangements for the use of a large number of periodicals, is now quite too limited in extent for the purposes to which it is devoted. The waiting-room has long been a great evil to the institution — small, low studded, unventilated, insufficiently lighted, it is often inconveniently overcrowded. Its condition has deprived the lower Library of a large class of borrowers who would otherwise gladly use the books of that favorite collection. A hall, sufficiently large to allow separate access for the boys, with seats and tables conveniently arranged for the use of two or three hundred persons, would eventually increase circulation, and remove most of the present objections to the system of delivery.

It is obvious that any material alteration of the present structure should receive most careful consideration, so that

any addition should affect, as little as is practicable, its air and light. The plans for the purpose will be prepared during the present year, and laid before the Council for its approval previous to the annual appropriation for the coming year.

The accommodations, also, at the South Boston Branch are insufficient for the public and the Library. The lease of the premises does not expire until the first Saturday of 1878. It is hoped that on or before that date the city may be able to provide suitable rooms in some building of its own property.

A brief summary of the condition and uses of the institution, inclusive of its branches, will lead, it is hoped, to a consultation of the tables of the appendix for fuller and more minute information. The whole number of volumes now in its possession amounts to 276,922, an increase of 16,372 during the year. Of these 221,049 are contained in the Central Library, and 55,863 in the six Branches. The issues of books, during the 306 days of the year, have risen to the large aggregate of 758,417, being an increase over the previous year of 132,975. A portion of this increase is due to the opening of a new Branch in Dorchester, which in about three months circulated 16,017 vols. The whole number of persons who have made application to use the Library since 1867 now amounts to 90,782, of whom 14,599 were entered during the last year. The periodical reading-rooms were opened 359 days, and were during that period visited by 249,870 readers, who used 348,772 magazines. The number of books lost, during the year, was 85, or about one to every 9,000 of circulation.

It is gratifying also to state that the number of persons evincing such interest in the institution as to induce them to make donations of books or pamphlets to its shelves was larger than ever before; 1,091 friends having given 4,169 vols. and 15,889 pamphlets.

An analysis of the circulation of the popular department of the institution gives the following results: The 32,590 volumes of the Lower Hall found 272,834 readers, an increase of nearly 20,000 over the previous year, notwithstanding the issues of the six Branches, which, with an aggregate of 55,863 volumes, distributed to their visitors 404,846 books. South Boston still leads in the uses of its books, every volume of its collection having been loaned, on the average, seventeen times. The lowest proportional circulation is to be found at Brighton, but this naturally arises from the fact that the Library is larger, in proportion to the surrounding population, than in any of the other districts of the city. The reading of juveniles and fiction is more general in the districts than in the city proper, although the proportion of literature of these classes is larger in the Lower Hall than in any of the Branches. From the Lower Hall only 69 per cent. of the issues belonged to these classes, a smaller proportion than ever before; while in the Branches it amounted to about 80 per cent. This change in the percentage of use in the Lower Hall is due to the interest shown in a higher class of reading, in consequence of the publication of the class list of History, Biography and Travel, the distribution of which swelled the loans in these departments, from 16,856 in 1873-4, to 23,925 vols. in 1874-5.

During the past year the staff of the Library has undergone important and unexpected changes. By an unusual fatality it has lost three heads of departments, and by resignation another. By the death of Mr. Wm. A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent, and chief of the Catalogue Department, the institution was deprived of an officer from whose skilled training in his specialties it had largely profited in the past, and had important expectations in the future. To the minute exactness of the lexicographer, and to the general knowledge of a scholar, his culture had added the va-

rious information of a bibliographer, which his tastes and inclination had developed to a rare degree. After his decease, the keeper of the Bates Hall, Mr. Joseph Sykes, died, a gentleman whose courteous manners, and quiet following of his line of duty, had secured the kind regards of all those who sought his assistance in their various fields of inquiry and consultation. Subsequently Mr. J. Otis Williams, the special curator of the Tosti collection of engravings, and of the great pamphlet stores of the Library, also died; the term of his service having begun with the indexing of the Prince mss. in 1869.

Mr. Edward Capen, who had faithfully served the Library from its foundation, in various capacities, resigned his office, and accepted a similar position of trust in a neighboring city. These personal changes required to some extent a reorganization of the departments. Mr. James L. Whitney succeeded to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Mr. James M. Hubbard to that of principal assistant in the Catalogue Department, Mr. Henry Ware to the charge of the Bates Hall, Mr. Arthur M. Knapp to the care of the Barton and Prince Libraries, and the whole collection of periodicals and pamphlets, and Mr. José F. Carret to the oversight of the Patent Documents and the Engravings. It is believed that the accession of these educated gentlemen to the Library force will increase the direct usefulness of the Library to its great constituency. It is naturally found that in no place are general accomplishments, no less than special learning, so valuable and important as in a great collection of books to be used and consulted by such various classes of students who desire to go at once, and without loss of valuable time, to the books which they need.

By the death of Mr. Wheeler, the publication of the Ticknor catalogue, to the preparation of which he had devoted a

considerable portion of his labor for the past three years, and which the last report of the Trustees announced as to be published during the year, was unavoidably postponed. The materials for the work were, however, in such condition, that the printing of that most important contribution to the bibliography of Spanish and Portuguese literature is already in progress.

In rehearsing the details of an institution whose work and usefulness have grown in incalculable proportions year by year, the Trustees cannot but feel an increasing responsibility for the right use of the large funds entrusted to their care and proper expenditure. Each year brings a more intimate relation between the Library and the education of the community; each year develops new uses and wants, both of instruction and indirect cultivation. One distinguishes with added experience more narrowly the classes who seek only amusement or employment in idle hours and those who read for intellectual purposes, as well as those who perceptibly grade from the lower to the higher class. While, from the foresight and bounty of the City Government, the Library is not only permitted, but earnestly required, to extend its help to all who need, and by whom it has been sustained in a position of freedom of access previously unknown, it is just to say that the experimental trial of one generation, just completed, has amply and nobly confirmed and surpassed the hopes and expectations of the founders and benefactors of the institution. Without any intention to magnify any result, while considering that it takes its shade and color from the intelligence of the community which surrounds it, it has steadily gained in the magnitude of its resources, and in its relative importance among the great collections of the country. It also has demonstrated the fact that enormous numbers of books may be scattered freely among a dense and diversified population with such

safety to the property as to render the losses quite immaterial. The result has entirely justified the magnitude of the experiment.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, 29th June, 1875.

[A.]

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

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TRUSTEES, AS CHAIRMAN.

THE Committee appointed to examine the condition of the Boston Public Library, and to report thereon to the Trustees, beg leave to submit the following results of their observations: —

It is obviously impossible that a Committee of citizens, devoting but a few hours, taken from the many duties of their daily occupation, to the inspection of so complicated and extensive an institution as a great Public Library, with its many branches, should be able to form more than a cursory acquaintance with its work and needs. At best, unless they have a professional librarian's knowledge of such institutions, which, from the importance of a Committee being constituted like the jury of a court, of men with untechnical prejudices, it is not desirable they should possess; their chief service must be to serve as intermediary between the Library officials and the public at large, by obtaining a closer acquaintance with its methods of management, and the general aims of those who control its policy, than can be gained by ordinary visitors.

It might be advantageous, in giving partial direction to the labors of such Committees, and in affording opportunity for any complete vindication of the Trustees and Superinten-

dent from alleged faults, if a more general advertisement of the existence of an examining body could be made, to allow, to a reasonable extent, the presentation of possible grievances.

Your Committee can say, however, that, so far as they are competent to speak, there are no indications that all departments of the Library are administered in other than the most generous and impartial desire to facilitate every legitimate interest of readers.

The marvel has been, as they have explored its treasures, and become aware of the many perplexing problems arising in at once faithfully guarding books of rare and inestimable value, and carrying out the plan of a perfectly free Public Library, that so little friction should arise betwixt patrons and officials, and that there should be such apparently general acquiescence in the justice of its rules and restrictions, as is indicated by the striking infrequency of complaints, in any portion of the public newspapers, those sensitive organs of every shadow of public discontent.

Two opposing forces are always at work about a Public Library, to afford a severe test of the spirit of its management, viz. : the proper conservatism of those in whose charge it is placed, which endeavors to keep steadily in view the interests of coming generations, for whom as well as for living people the institution is created, and the destructiveness of those people who regard public property as everybody's property, to be used according to individual notions of propriety ; and in the reconciliation of these two elements, the high degree of skill and good sense of the Superintendent and his subordinates seems to be amply shown in the constant increase of readers, and the remarkable immunity from loss or irremediable injury of books, alike in the department most frequented by the less careful classes of the community, and in Bates Hall, the resort of the more cultivated and studious.

The statistics of the Central and Branch Libraries so clearly presented in the statement of the Superintendent, published with this report, and covering almost every possible ground of inquiry with regard to their work, render it unnecessary for the Committee to do more than express their gratification that the regular increase of expenditure is necessary to keep pace with the popular demands upon the resources of the various departments. It is an occasion of pride with those who have at heart the progress of general education in Boston, that the generous annual and special appropriations of the City Council, which from the beginning of the institution's existence have been uniformly made in the most wise and far-seeing spirit, have met with the best possible response on the part of those whom they were designed to benefit. The \$30,000, representing the yearly cost of books, but very inadequately suggests the value to every high interest of the people of having all that is of worth in recent literature, both in periodical and standard publications, and whatever is of classic or established character which has moulded the intelligence, or is likely to command the thought of the world, easily accessible by every citizen of years of discretion; and the oft-noticed fact, which continues to be confirmed, that the extension of the branch system has in nowise diminished the circulation of the Central Library, but, as was desired, has rather helped to increase it, shows a most hopeful popular appreciation of this privilege.

It is evident, however, that the utmost enthusiasm for taking books will not be a sufficient justification for a large expenditure, unless it is also clear that the zeal is rightly directed to the end of the growth of sound knowledge.

There is no lack of taste for reading in our community, but much of it, if left to the guidance of the reader's unenlightened judgment, would be but a slight improvement upon, if it were not worse than, absolute idleness. Leaving out of

consideration the downright vicious books, there is a vast range of ephemeral literature, exciting and fascinating, full of plausible unrealities, apologetic of vice or confusing distinctions between plain right and wrong, fostering discontent with the peaceful homely duties which constitute a large portion of average men and women's lives, and, according to the testimony of good medical writers, responsible for an immense amount of the mental disease and moral irregularities which are so troublesome an element of modern society; and this is the kind of reading to which multitudes naturally take, which it is not the business of a town Library to supply, although for a time it may be expedient to yield to its claims, while awaiting the development of more elevated taste.

Notwithstanding many popular notions to the contrary, it is no part of the duty of a municipality to raise taxes for the amusement of people, unless the amusement is tolerably clearly seen to be conducive to higher ends of good citizenship, like the encouragement of patriotism, the promotion of the public health, or the undermining of immorality; and the sole relation of a town Library to the general interest is as a supplement to the school system; as an instrumentality of higher instruction to all classes of people. These truisms have been recognized by the Superintendent, as well in the use of all reasonable efforts to avoid buying the poorest sort of novels, as in a systematic plan of preparing manuals for instructing well-disposed readers, who are hopelessly bewildered in ordinary catalogues in seeking to make a judicious selection of sensible books. The apparatus of the Library in this direction seems to your Committee thoroughly admirable, and they have only to suggest the advisability of making some such classification of the Branch Libraries as will correspond with the catalogue of works of history, biography and travel in the lower hall of the Central Department. The circulation of these Branches is very

largely in the direction of prose fiction and juveniles (in Roxbury, in 1874, 81 per cent. of the circulation ; in East Boston, 79 per cent. ; in South Boston, 78 per cent.) ; and undoubtedly a fair proportion of the readers of such matter would gladly choose thoughtful books of travel and standard histories if they had any idea what they were, or how they were to be reached.

It has been pleasant for some of your Committee to learn that many solid works are circulated among the poorer classes of people, of very limited educational privileges, and that, not infrequently, in the distribution of books, it has been noticed that while the well-dressed applicant carried away some flimsy novel, the less prepossessing and poorly clad neighbor showed an appreciation of a volume of science, art or history.

The advice of the teachers of the public schools is an important help in directing aright the choice of books by the youth who constitute a very large percentage of the frequenters of the Library, and particular efforts of the Superintendent towards informing the masters of those schools what facilities were offered to their pupils, to aid a wise selection of profitable reading matter, would be likely to bear good fruit in its elevation of the character of the circulation,—an aim which the Committee recognize as being always kept in view by the Superintendent.

In this direction may not the Sunday use of the Library be converted to better purposes than it now subserves? The success of the Sunday opening has been favorably mentioned in previous annual reports, and seems to have been greatest in the more densely populated portions of the city, where educational influences are most needed. The readers have now but a limited range, this choice being confined to periodicals, which, though often of a substantial sort, and quite equal in respectability to those which are likely to constitute the Sunday reading of a majority of households, cannot always be of as

profitable a character as frequenters of the reading-room might desire. The Bates Hall collection, which contains the best of literature, to the exclusion of the inferior matter which enters so largely into the circulation of some of the other departments, might be made available for use in the building only; thus involving but a slight increase in the number of the Sunday officials of the Library, while it would hold out an invitation to many persons to make the acquaintance of works of a positively educational value, to which they remain strangers in the hard working hours of the week.

The endeavors of the Trustees and Superintendent to give the Library a truly democratic character, by providing for the wants of the scholarly and cultivated, as well as of those of moderate attainments, seem to be wisely directed. The Committee have been interested to learn of the richness of the collection in many special departments; such as its having the best collection in the world of United States public documents; and that students from all over the Union have been glad to avail themselves of its resources for an assistance to their labors which they could gain in no other city,—applications which it has been found for the Library's reputation to aid by the generous purchase of additional costly volumes of technical treatises.

In the department of history the strength of the Library is of eminent value at times, like that of the present revival of interest in revolutionary matters, an indication of which is shown in the recent use of its materials by New York papers in illustrating their account of the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill, and the service it affords to historians of national fame.

Not long since an unfavorable comparison was drawn, in one of our popular magazines, between the foresight of such a foreign Library as that of the British Museum, in gathering up every available document, no matter of how appar-

ently ephemeral a character, which bore upon the progress of our civil war, and the deficiencies of American institutions in this regard; insomuch, it was intimated, that the future historian of the rebellion might be compelled to go to London to obtain access to complete data for his record. Whatever justice there may be in this criticism of other American Libraries, it certainly does not apply to this of Boston, for the labors of its officers seem to have been indefatigable in accumulating everything from handbills, ballads, and newspaper scraps, to the most elaborate volumes, which could serve to present to later generations an accurate portrait of the spirit of that momentous period of our national life. In all directions pertaining to the history which is making by the living generation, the managers are showing their appreciation of the teachings of experience to other librarians and book-makers, that nothing which throws light upon the ideas and tastes of an era of thought is so obscure or trivial, so common or unclean, that it is not worthy of preservation. Other Libraries have learned that street ballads, play-bills, political advertisements and caricatures, and like expressions of popular opinion, which are apt to go into the waste-basket or the street-sweepings, often become the most precious of relics to the antiquarian of a later age, who seeks to restore the past to something like vitality, and have been glad to buy collections of such papers at fabulous prices; and it is therefore well that this Library should be extending its hospitality to every kind of printed matter which is, in any fair sense, of historical consequence, especially welcoming contributions illustrating the growth of Boston. The Committee have had occasion, with many of their predecessors, as with the gentlemen of the Trustees, to regret that such valuable matter as the files of newspapers should be exposed to irretrievable ruin in a dark basement.

In closing, they would express their confidence that the Library is performing all, and even more than its founders

could have anticipated, in fulfilling the function of a university for the education of the people, not only of Boston, but of the State; for not the least of its services is its part in presenting a model in the formation of the numerous Libraries which are springing up in all the chief towns of Massachusetts; and they have to thank the Superintendent for his patience in answering all inquiries bearing upon the execution of this trust.

For the Committee,

GEO. A. THAYER.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees: —

GENTLEMEN, — I herewith present my eighth annual report, and referring you to the appendixes for the body of the information which you have a right to expect, I shall touch here such points as need further elucidation.

The addition to the Central Library building, of which a plan was given in last year's report, showing how it was intended to be only the beginning of a more extensive enlargement, was begun, with the breaking of ground, on the 10th of June, 1874. The work was carried on during the summer, subject to delays, which arose in part from the inaccuracy of the working plans. To this is also to be assigned a very unfortunate loss of room on each floor, which has lessened the importance of a series of small rooms up and down the entire new structure. It devolved upon the City Architect to make the best of the plans which were prepared before the creation of his office. After the structure was completed, the wishes of the Library, as to the fitting up of the several departments, were fully met by the Committee on Public Buildings; and the Trustees' room and office of the Superintendent was ready for occupancy on the 10th of January, 1875. The other stories were finished later, at short intervals, and the work was completed in March; and the small anterooms adjacent (in the original structure) in each story were renovated in April; and, at the present writing, all the apartments thus added to the accommodations of the Library are in use. The relief from

the narrow confines in which much of the work was formerly done is great, and only renders more irksome the necessity under which other departments of the service rest, of working in quarters ill adapted to the purpose, and too contracted to ensure either promptitude or exactness in manifold details. The public derives immediate advantage but from one of the new apartments, that given to the Patent Collection in the upper story. The increasing use of this section of the Library had long rendered an enlargement necessary, and it came none too soon for the credit of the institution. The appointments in this room for convenience of investigators are complete, and it is calculated that its capacity will meet the requirements of a dozen years. The next room below, given to the Catalogue Department, brings into close relationship with one another a force that was before scattered inconveniently about the building; and enables it to work with more ease to itself and with greater efficiency for the Library. The room adjacent to the old office of the Superintendent is now ample for the increasing business of his department, and affords the Trustees the accommodations which they have been deprived of for so long. The apartment still lower down is put to use as a general work-room; a use to which the Art-Room has been given over much of the time for the last seven or eight years, to the disappointment of the public, who have accordingly been debarred, except for brief intervals, the inspection of its marbles and pictures. But one floor remains unmentioned, and that is on the level of the Lower Hall. This apartment has been devoted to the Barton and Prince Libraries, with additional shelving for an increasing class of books which belong to the general collection, but which should be kept under special supervision and not allowed to leave the building, or to be seen except with an attendant. The small room adjoining is given to the officer who is placed in immediate charge of these two collections,

which are closed to all visitors except at times when an officer is present.

The lower story of all contains the new apartments of the janitor, and they have recompensed that officer for the loss of other rooms, which have since been taken to enlarge the bindery. This enlargement was accomplished during February and March, through the prompt action of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. The new shops thus arranged give ample room for the nine persons who now constitute the force of that department.

Unfortunately the work of redecorating the Bates Hall, which would have interfered with its use by the public in the smallest degree, had the work been done in July and August, it was not deemed practicable to begin till September, just as the autumn increase of circulation was beginning; and for three months the circulation of that Hall received a check such as it had never received before, inasmuch as all opportunity for the hall use of books was prevented by the staging of the workmen. This was not finally removed till December 5. Sections of the galleries were, after this, closed to use, one after another, while the workmen were engaged in them; and the decorators were not entirely out of the building till early in January. The Hall, in its new dress, is much changed from its former appearance, and has, I believe, given general satisfaction. Its floor surface is now being more and more encroached upon for official purposes, and the time may not be far distant when it will not afford the needful accommodation for readers, as further encroachments seem inevitable. The extension of the Public Card Catalogue has formed a bay, in which the Curator of that Catalogue is conveniently placed for her work, and for the supervision of the users of the Catalogue. The additional drawers which this extension gives will, perhaps, suffice for four or five years longer, when a further extension towards the front of the building will become necessary.

When this is filled there seems no resort but raising a structure in the middle of the Hall, upon the base of the existing cases, so that its dimensions can be duplicated in a second, and perhaps a third story above. I do not doubt but with good architectural discernment it can be managed so as not seriously to detract from the appearance of the Hall.

During the coming summer it seems necessary to enlarge the desk facilities of the delivery end of this Hall. With a circulation reaching at times 600 volumes a day, the conveniences which were planned to meet the requirements of a daily use of one or at most two hundred issues have become greatly insufficient to ensure a systematic and expeditious waiting upon the public. Accordingly a new counter (stretching across the entire width of the Hall on the line of the first columns on either side), which will allow two points of public approach, one of delivery, and the other of receipt, will do much to meet the just expectations of our patrons. In this case the present enclosure could be put in a corresponding position at the other end of the Hall, and serve a useful purpose.

At the same time it would be highly desirable to extend the Parker Gallery laterally into the Hall, so that its additional floor shall form a sort of canopy to the enclosure made by the new counter below. The city architect has in hand his side of the problem, and it is hoped that the way can be made clear to accomplish in this manner a much-needed enlargement of the space, within which the ordering clerk and her attendants perform the critical, laborious and somewhat confusing details of the work belonging to them.

The work during the year upon the other buildings of the Library can be briefly recounted. The annexation of Brighton turned over to Boston an unfinished Library building, which was slightly altered in plan, to suit the requirements of a Branch; and in August, 1874, it was completed and handed over by the contractor to the

Committee on Public Buildings, who, having accepted it, sent the key to this office on the 21st of the same month. The work of removing the books from the old Library rooms was immediately begun, and in ten days the Branch Library was in full operation in its new quarters. The formal dedicatory services were deferred till the cooler weather of October, when they took place in one of the churches; the principal part of the evening's service consisting of an historical address by the Rev. Frederic A. Whitney, who was the President of the Trustees of the Holton Library, as the institution was called previous to its becoming the Brighton Branch of the Public Library.

At Charlestown we were indebted again to the promptness of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, under whose supervision the old rooms of the Mystic Water Board were added to the quarters of the Charlestown Branch. The whole of the second story of the old City Hall being thus given to our use, the parts were rearranged, additional shelving and reading-room accommodations were made; and the rooms of the Charlestown Branch, ornamented as they now are with the large paintings which were a legacy from the old city government of that district, now present one of the most conveniently planned and cheery-looking of our dependencies.

The formation of our new Dorchester Branch was delayed till it was ascertained that quarters could be appropriated for it in the new city building at Field's Corner. When this was decided upon, the work of gathering the books was pushed forward, so that on the completion of the rooms, in January, everything was ready for removal, and possession was taken on the 7th of that month; and on the 25th the business of the Branch began in regular form. A dedication service had in the meanwhile been held in the Rev. Dr. Hall's meeting-house, when the Mayor presided, and addresses and music made up the programme of the

evening. An account of them has been printed as a City Document.

A comparison of this year's figures with antecedent ones in the several appendixes will show that the Library has made no backward step during the year. There is one sad feature in this twelve months' record, however, which it is painful to dwell upon. The service has suffered unusually from death. On the 28th of October, Mr. William A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent, and the head of the Catalogue Department, died of typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of about three weeks. On the 30th, the Trustees met, and it was

"Resolved, That in the death of William Adolphus Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent of the Library, this institution has lost an officer signally fitted by scholarly accuracy and thorough research for the special duties of his position; always painstaking and helpful; courteous in every relation, and answering all expectations of this Board, and faithful to the interests of the public.

"This Board tenders its sympathy to his family in their affliction, fully cognizant of a loss which to them is irreparable."

Mr. Wheeler entered the Library service in April, 1869, and I had formed such an attachment for him, and so depended upon his fidelity in his own department, that to an official loss was added the poignancy of a personal deprivation. I have asked Mr. James L. Whitney, his next associate, and most intimate friend in the service, and who has succeeded to his responsibilities, to prepare a brief sketch of his career, which will be found in the appendix. The place that Mr. Whitney vacated has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. James M. Hubbard, from whose scholarship the Library must gain much.

On the 9th of January Mr. Joseph Sykes died of pneumonia. He joined the Library staff in June, 1866,

and was appointed to the charge of the Bates Hall the next year, and was in that position when he died. He had been a painstaking officer. Mr. Sykes has been succeeded by Col. Henry Ware, whose acquirements will find a fit sphere in his associations with the readers who draw upon the higher departments of the Library.

Major J. Otis Williams, who for several years had had charge of the Pamphlet Collections and of the Tosti Engravings, had so far succumbed to an attack of pulmonary consumption, that he was forced to leave the service in the autumn, and has since died.

Mr. Edward Capen, whose connection with the Library antedated that of any one still surviving, left the service at the close of 1874, and took charge of a new Public Library in Haverhill.

Almost at the beginning of the year Mr. Frederic B. Perkins was assigned to my office as a Secretary and Sub-executive officer, and I have to acknowledge my indebtedness for the alacrity and helpfulness of his labors with me.

In January Mr. José Francisco Carret was appointed to the charge of the enlarged Patent Room, with added duties, covering the care of the engravings, and helping in the Catalogue Department. At the same time Mr. Arthur Mason Knapp was made Curator of the Periodical and Pamphlet Departments, and given the immediate supervision of the Barton and Prince Libraries in their new apartments. Other changes in the Library force are noted in the roll of the service given in the appendix.

The work of the Catalogue Department suffered an interruption at the time of the death of Mr. Wheeler, and that event compelled some change in its organization. The current addition of over 20,000 volumes, including duplicates, has strained the capacity of the force as organized to its utmost. The labor of this department on the duplicates is small, but it is made up for, in the aggregate of 20,000,

by the excess of labor on composite volumes, containing many titles, and requiring manifold cross-references.

There have been sixty-one of the ordinary broadside sheets of titles printed during the year, covering probably about 6,000 titles. Taking these on the average, as requiring a main entry and three cross-references to each title, and doubling for the duplication (Public Card Catalogue and Official Card Catalogue), it will make about 50,000 cards prepared. In addition, five special broadside sheets have been printed, containing perhaps an average of twenty-five titles each, which, if each required seventy-five cards for the two catalogues, would make between six and seven thousand additional cards, comprising altogether nearly 60,000 entries of the ordinary accessions of the Central Library, which have been made by the cataloguers.

This does not include the subsidiary copying of the work for the Lower Hall Catalogues, which is done for official and public convenience by the officers of that department.

The cataloguer's work is followed by that of the Curator of the Public Card Catalogue and her assistants, and she reports that the number of cards mounted and inscribed under her direction has been nearly 70,000 from the broadsides. In addition to this, and in order to make the Public Card Catalogue a complete representation of the entire collection of the Central Library, considerable progress has been made in cutting up the Bulletins (issued anterior to the establishment of the printed card system), the printed volumes of the Bates Hall Catalogues, and the Lower Hall Class Lists. The titles thus cut out are pasted on as many cards as the cross-references require, and are then inserted in their proper alphabetical places. Over 30,000 such cards have been added to this Public Catalogue, and this makes a total of about 100,000 cards mounted and inscribed during the year.

Considerable labor has also been expended on the original

large cards of the Official Catalogue, to reduce them to the dimensions of the present standard; but the work is not yet wholly done.

About 1,100 of the Ticknor volumes have also been catalogued during the year, completing that work; and since August the whole of the Catalogue of that collection has been revised, preparatory to going to press, which is shortly to be done.

As regards the books of the Barton Library the year has been occupied in entering them on the Accessions Catalogue, and in getting those needing binding through that process, which is nearly completed. At present writing the books are undergoing transfer to their future depository in the new addition; and when the Ticknor Catalogue is well started in the press, Mr. Whitney hopes to begin the work of cataloguing the Barton. For the present the slips of main entries prepared for the Accessions Catalogue answer the purpose of a Finding List.

Nothing further has been done in cataloguing the Barton Library except in the preparation of the bibliographical notes relating to the early quarto and folio editions of Shakespeare, which have appeared by instalments in the monthly reports of the Superintendent during the year. They have elicited responses from Shakespearians in this country and in Europe, and opened a correspondence that will be of advantage as the work of cataloguing goes on.

The usual quarterly Bulletins of the latest accessions have also been prepared, printed and distributed, and bibliographical notes, with characterizations of books, and surveys of subjects in their literary aspects, have been a feature of increasing prominence, and it is hoped of growing importance to the users of the books. These notes have been of the character of those which were given in the Class List of History, Biography and Travel, mentioned in the report of last year, and whose effect upon the circulation

of the Lower Hall (popular department) has been carefully noted during the year. For the first four months the increase of use of the books in these classes over the corresponding period of the previous year was about 160 per cent.; and not more than 2 or 3 per cent. of this can be attributed to the increased circulation of that department. For the next eight months of the year, that is from September, 1874, to April, 1875, the relative effect was diminished, because the same Catalogue was in use the previous year in corresponding months. With this disadvantage, the accumulative gain in inciting readers to a better choice of books is shown by an increase of 23 per cent. in these classes of books, of which not more than 6 or 7 per cent. is due to the general increase of reading. The figures in Appendix XVI show that the use of fiction and juveniles has been reduced during the year in an unprecedented manner. Having been as high as 78 per cent. it is now reduced to 69, and the gain has been entirely in the departments of History, Biography and Travel.

There is no direct means of ascertaining the influence that the Catalogue may have had upon the use of the Bates Hall. The increased demand upon that department is considerable, notwithstanding that for more than three months, when the staging of the decorators encumbered the Hall, the use of books was confined to such as could take them away. And this enlarged use is not improbably owing in some considerable degree to the assistance of that catalogue, which is found to be in frequent requisition by the patrons of that Hall.

Early in 1871 a young man one day inquired in which of Scott's novels he could find Cromwell as a character; and his question gave rise to a determination to ascertain if an enumeration of imaginative literature in some way by which historical personages and events could be traced, would be generally desirable. A list was rapidly prepared of the

most obvious instances of such books, whether in prose fiction, in dramas or in verse, arranging the titles primarily by countries, and then by chronology; and an edition of 500 copies was struck off. The speed with which the edition was exhausted seemed to prove the point, and as opportunity offered, considerable labor was bestowed upon the plan, and the list having swelled to several times the extent of the trial issue, it was printed and put before the public in January last; and it has been received with an avidity which argues well for the interest it has for the general reader. It was not devised as a catalogue, and so no shelf-numbers were appended to the entries, which are usually mere memoranda, intended rather as suggestions. In its scope it fitly supplements the History Class List, and the two together are doing not a little, it is hoped, to teach people the relations of books to subjects, to each other, and to the needs of intelligent readers.

There is no doubt that the fineness of the type in the notes of the History Catalogue debars many from using it; and perhaps too much sacrifice was made to economy in its printing. I am, however, of the opinion, that when the present supply is exhausted, or nearly so, a reissue of the notes, increased as they can be to advantage to two or three times their present bulk, for which material is already gathered, and embodying also the matter of the "Historical Fiction" already referred to, and all put in type of a size that will be more grateful to the eye, will serve a better purpose as a manual for readers, to be used in connection with the catalogues, than in its present form of notes appended to catalogue entries. It is not intended, however, to omit the bracketed shelf number as now given in connection with the references to the books.

Our stock of Lower Hall Catalogues is ample for the coming year, except the list of books in the foreign languages, which is nearly exhausted. Preparatory to

going to press with a new edition, the alcoves devoted to this class have been gone over, and such books as have not proved to be in demand in the popular departments have been prepared for removal to the Bates Hall. This will somewhat diminish the extent of the list, which, during the year, it is hoped to carry through the press with fuller titles than before, and corresponding in methods to the more recent issues of these Class Lists. Of the other lists we have these copies on hand : —

Fiction and Juveniles	850
Arts and Sciences	1,300
Poetry, Drama, etc.	3,450
History, etc.	1,500

In this connection a word of explanation may be made about the Indicator of the Lower Hall, which, during the last two months, has been disused. It was put in position in 1867, the joint device of Prof. Jewett, the late Superintendent, and of Mr. H. R. Taylor, the cabinet-maker. It was thought at the time to be unique both in principle and purpose; but it was afterwards discovered that a similar instrument had been in use at Manchester, England, for several years. Its use here led to its adoption in other libraries, sometimes with modifications of its construction. At the time it was thought to work well, and in some particulars it does now; but the large increase of use of the Lower Hall has brought out its weak points more prominently, which chiefly consist in the inability to get the users of the Library to use it invariably, and in the misleading it gives frequently regarding books much in demand. These go out for instance to earlier applicants, causing the pegs to be turned (to indicate the going out) *after* applications have been put in by later applicants. Upon an investigation of the matter it was decided that the advantages and disadvantages — among these the delay necessary in checking off a book

before it goes out—were so evenly balanced, that in the narrow quarters now allowed the growing crowds of the public, the room it occupies can be more serviceably used in other ways. Accordingly it is hoped during the dull season of next summer to have some modifications made of the Lower Hall Delivery Room, to fit it better for the accommodation of adults and girls at hours when the boys largely monopolize it.

In the enumeration already made of the catalogue work mention was not made of this service as regards the Branches; one assistant in the Catalogue Department does all this work. While the necessary cards are sent with the books to the respective Branches, a consolidated record for all the Branches is kept by this cataloguer at the Central Library; such consolidated file supplementing the printed catalogues of the several Branches, and corresponding to the entries in the printed quarterly Bulletins. The Card Catalogues, kept at the several Branches, would, however, supply the copy to be used by the printer, whenever Supplemental Branch Catalogues become necessary. The catalogue of the Charlestown Branch needs thorough revision and reduction to our system; that of the Library in its former independence not conforming to our usages. With this recataloguing would come a rearrangement of the books whenever the expense attending it can be readily borne. The present confused state of affairs has more or less deleterious effect upon the usefulness of the Library. The same statement in some measure applies to the Brighton catalogue, which came to us with the transfer of the Library; but there is no difficulty in this case from bad arrangement of the books, and the want of conformity of system can well enough continue till there is urgency for a new catalogue for other reasons. The gathering and opening of the Dorchester Branch called for the printing of its list of books, which was done under the immediate charge of Mr. Wm. H. Foster, the Library proof-reader.

The cataloguing and other care of the bound newspapers has devolved upon Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, and the growth of that department, over 400 volumes during the year, does not indicate in an adequate degree the labor of collation and preparation for the binder which is involved. This work during the early part of the year was done in the dark and confined central area of the underground Newspaper Room, where a current of out-door air is necessary in the summer to prevent the condensation of moisture; and in winter the apartment is only less adapted to its purposes. Gaslight is necessary at all times. Since the new addition was completed this labor of arrangement has been done in the new general workroom, which strongly contrasts with the unhealthy gloom of the Newspaper Room. Its remoteness from that collection, however, renders it more or less inconvenient to do the work there.

Our collection of bound newspapers now numbers over 2,600 volumes; and on the upper wall surface of the same rooms are placed the sale duplicates, numbering between 9,000 and 10,000 volumes. This is not an undesirable plan to save room, inasmuch as the bulk of newspaper volumes renders it impracticable for easy handling to place them above reach from the floor, and the upper wall surfaces are thus economically available for the storage of duplicates. That they cannot long, however, remain in the present unfit apartments, without bringing more or less discredit to the Library, is quite certain in the opinion of those who are forced to make the descent to our Newspaper Room to consult its files; and it is to be hoped that the City Council will put the Library and its patrons under renewed obligations at as early a day as is possible, by allowing an addition to the south-east corner of the building, similar to that which has just been completed at the opposite angle.

The service of the Central Library, which from modest

beginnings has grown to over sixty persons, is hardly decently provided with the toilet arrangements and retiring closets which must be needed by so large a number of the two sexes. There is absolutely no provision made for this purpose, except in an extemporized way in public passages, where privacy is impossible. This omission in the planning of the building needs also to be remedied in this prospective addition.

I need not enlarge here upon the advantage of better accommodations for students, as distinct from borrowers of books, which will in time doubtless be provided for.

That the accommodations in the Lower Hall, both for frequenters of the Reading-Room and for borrowers of books, are not sufficient has long been felt; and I confidently look forward to the enlarging and rearranging of these several apartments, by making use of the lot between the Library and the Hotel Pelham, and availing of the passage under that building for another entrance to the Library. At certain hours the space of the Lower Hall apartment is so largely monopolized by boys, that adults and girls are deprived of their rights; and an arrangement of the divisionary nature in use at the Roxbury Branch seems desirable.

The Sunday opening of the Reading-Room has had another year's trial. From the start the use of the Central Reading-Room has been abundantly commensurate and has justified the movement. At the Branches the trial has not given similar results. The use of the second year has hardly increased over the first year; and at Brighton the opening, for want of support, has been discontinued. At Dorchester there has been no demand for it as yet.

Our benefactors continue mindful of us. The record of those who send us, gratuitously, books and other publications still evinces an interest in the institution, which tells largely of the hold it has upon the sympathies of our

citizens and of strangers. There are those in distant parts of the country and in other lands who never fail to remember us as occasion offers; and among the agents of our government abroad we have had evidence of the kindly intercession of Judge Russell at Caraccas; and among publishers of our own country, Robert Clarke & Co., of Cincinnati, have bestowed many of these gratifying remembrances. We owe to Mrs. Lydia H. Parker, the widow of Theodore Parker, the gift of a number of interesting scrap-books and other volumes, which had been retained by her when the Library of her husband was removed to our alcoves. President Tuttle, of Wabash College, has sent a hundred or more books and pamphlets, many of them monographs of a class peculiarly difficult to obtain,—a welcome instance of discriminating assistance. Mention should also be made of the characteristic labors of the Rev. E. P. Tenney, of Ashland, who has constantly rescued for us, from the paper mills, old books and pamphlets, which do much towards completing our records of the past.

The figures showing the extent of our collection still place the institution in the foremost rank among American Libraries; and as the Library grows it seems to strengthen in sinew as well as to stretch in frame, and, with the prosperity of our city running on in the future, there can be no reason why it shall not have a success still more gratifying to its conductors; acquire a name more creditable to the municipality which supports it; and present attractions more grateful to the public which uses it. No one can know more continually than its officers its shortcomings. To no one are its defects so often presented, both by those who conceive of the difficulties of its administration, and offer sympathy with their suggestions, and by those, happily few in number, who measure the regularity of a great machine by any chance ungearing that may attract their notice. The wonder is perhaps that all runs so smoothly. If a day is

spent in rearranging and readjusting parts — and few days are passed without more or less of such labor — we might think that human agencies stand badly the trial; but when we survey the year's work, as made up in the appendixes of this report, see the constancy of averages, and the sensitiveness of the system to outer agencies, we feel much more inclined to hold that we are contemplating a sensate organism, which fulfils the law of its destiny.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent.

May 8, 1875.

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TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

1875.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY, BY YEARS.

YEARS.	Total Volumes in the Library.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.				EAST BOSTON BRANCH.	SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.	ROXBURY BRANCH.			CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.	BRIGHTON BRANCH.	DORCHESTER BRANCH.	WEST ROXBURY BRANCH.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.
		Books Hall.	Lower Hall.	New- over Room.	Duplicate Room.			City Park.	Fellows Albansum.	Total.					
1. . . 1852-53	9,688	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	961
2. . . 1853-54	10,221	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,950
3. . . 1854-55	22,617	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,507
4. . . 1855-56	25,080	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,386
5. . . 1856-57	24,896	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,063
6. . . 1857-58	70,851	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,938
7. . . 1858-59	78,043	60,420	16,619	..	1,804	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,215
8. . . 1859-60	85,032	64,228	17,000	..	1,804	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,707
9. . . 1860-61	97,386	75,217	19,161	..	3,008	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27,331
10. . . 1861-62	105,094	79,359	20,831	..	4,794	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28,874
11. . . 1862-63	110,563	82,801	22,625	..	5,237	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31,043
12. . . 1863-64	116,934	88,226	23,692	..	5,116	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31,837
13. . . 1864-65	123,016	93,172	24,860	..	4,984	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32,653
14. . . 1865-66	130,673	100,171	25,366	..	5,141	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36,506
15. . . 1866-67	136,080	105,735	25,199	..	5,146	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44,443
16. . . 1867-68	144,092	111,631	26,006	..	5,806	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47,254
17. . . 1868-69	152,796	117,967	28,753	..	6,109	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61,177
18. . . 1869-70†	160,573	124,410	29,009	..	6,246	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74,770
19. . . 1870-71	179,250	135,786	30,574	..	6,954	5,936	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80,746
20. . . 1871-72	192,938	142,686	31,827	..	6,716	6,767	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100,388
21. . . 1872-73	209,456	149,477	32,605	2,111	6,183	7,291	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113,153
22. . . 1873-74	280,560	168,748	32,690	2,313	9,480	7,612	..	..	..	..	16,788	11,037	..	..	134,628
23. . . 1874-76	276,922	176,122	33,386	2,604	9,036	8,368	..	..	..	..	19,690	11,443	3,949	..	150,921

NOTE. — The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes many since bound, singly or in group (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are thrown out and put among the pamphlets held for exchange.

* A actual count. † Nine months.

APPENDIX II.

YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE
AND BY GIFTS.

NOTE. — The increase of volumes is not the sum of those added by gift and purchase, etc., because lost and condemned books are deducted.

YEARS.	Increase. (Net after 1861.)		Gifts.		Purchases, including those charged to funds and added by exchange.		Fellowes Athenæum.†	Donors, excluding anonymous.
	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	*Pamph.	Vols.	
1	1862-63	9,683	961	4,000	961	5,688	...	75
2	1863-64	6,533	2,989	2,152	2,989	4,381	...	106
3	1864-65	6,396	2,557	2,663	2,463	3,733	89	153
4	1865-66	5,468	5,879	1,865	5,830	3,698	549	126
5	1866-67	6,816	2,667	1,686	3,046	5,130	21	132
6	1867-68	35,955	1,885	20,214	1,885	5,741	...	361
7	1868-69	7,192	1,317	3,405	1,317	3,787	...	247
8	1869-70	6,989	1,452	3,744	1,452	3,245	...	207
9	1870-71	16,948	6,674	12,299	6,656	4,649	18	242
10	1871-72	7,391	1,493	1,274	1,493	6,117	...	234
11	1872-73	5,529	2,169	829	1,953	4,700	212	194
12	1873-74	6,226	2,069	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	219
13	1874-75	6,082	1,516	804	1,025	5,178	490	328
14	1875-76	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,296	671	336
15	1876-77	5,303	7,577	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	306
16	1877-78	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,613	6,396	298	342
17	1878-79	8,685	13,923	2,158	10,984	6,531	2,939	649
18	1879-80	7,775	13,598	1,645	10,228	6,129	3,365	666
19	1880-81	18,099	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	604
20	1881-82	13,708	10,637	4,349	5,831	9,359	4,806	610
21	1882-83	14,644	11,770	3,930	8,060	10,706	3,710	601
22	1883-84	51,094	22,475	4,788	17,128	18,671	5,337	739
23	1884-85	16,872	16,296	4,169	18,899	17,080	294	1,091

* Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. The large number, of recent years, has been occasioned by the systematic completion of serials and periodicals for the Central Library, as well as for the Branches.

† Included in previous columns. These volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury Branch by agreement.

(6) Of the increase, 24,618 were the Bates gift.

(9) Of the increase, 11,721 were the Parker bequest.

(19) 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association, are included in the increase.

(20) 1,471 volumes from the Mattapan Literary Association are included in the increase.

(22) The increase of this year includes the totals of the libraries at Charlestown and Brighton, and also, under purchases, the Barton Library, 12,067 vols.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
The Gen ^l Library .	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,700	126,207	133,585	140,379
Patent Library . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2,120	2,323	||2,457
Bowditch Library* .	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library* . .	†11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,935
Price Library . . .	1,962	1,962	1,962	1,962	†1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970
Tieknor Library . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3,774	\$3,907	3,907	3,907	3,940
Barton Library . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	12,057	**11,902
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651	829	187	. . .
	105,737	111,281	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,482	166,453	175,126
Condemned	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	0	3
Total	105,737	111,281	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,477	166,478	175,122

* See Appendix IX.

† Including 186 duplicates, which are boxed and stored in the basement.

‡ Including 18 vols. of MSS.

§ Includes 31 vols. of MSS., as bound.

|| Included before 1873 in the General Library. Now in charge of a special Curator. The additions for the year are 184 vols., namely. 115 English; 11 American; and 8 French.

** The number given last year was as near as could be reckoned before the entry on the Accession Catalogue was made. The number given this year is what have actually been entered, and the full number will probably, in the end, exceed last year's report.

NOTE. — Of the volumes lost from the Bates Hall some reappear each year, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little, so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX IV.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Reported the preceding year	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	33,596
Added during the year	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	3,386
Total	27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689	33,188	33,626	34,070	36,981
Books transferred to Bates Hall	330	93	19	23	7	1	6	37
Books transferred to Branches	859	535	342	166	19
Condemned during the year	257	259	312	1,233	819	673	1,306	2,539
Total left	*25,199	28,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	33,596

* Actual count.

NOTE. — There have been since the last actual count in 1867, over a hundred volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as "unaccounted for," but may reappear.

APPENDIX V.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including the Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd and imperfect volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are boxed up at intervals.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Number at beginning of year	4,965	5,146	5,805	6,106	.....	6,954	7,314	8,183	9,400
Added during the year	714	1,004	847	443	383	996	1,875	1,641	1,234
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	.....	7,950	8,689	9,824	10,734
Disposed of	523	345	546	804	234	636	506	334	†786
Total	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314	*8,183	9,400	*9,936

* This number is by an actual count of the serviceable volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes one hundred and forty volumes of newspapers.

† Being divided as follows: — 241 sent to Branches; 50 Blue books, assigned to Bates Hall by subjects, the first copies being in the set of British documents; 326 Blue books sent to Yale College Library on exchange account; and 169 volumes otherwise disposed of by exchange.

NOTE. — There are also of pamphlets some forty thousand duplicates, arranged and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges.

APPENDIX VI.

INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	
Estes Hall.	Gain in located books (App. VIII.)	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,506	10,384	6,622	6,196	6,564
	Of these not located at last Report	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	187
	Added and located . .	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	5,971	5,369	6,377
	Added and not located . .	1,337	140	294	4,135	651	829	*12,244	. . . .
	Total gain	5,946	6,288	6,450	11,340	6,900	6,800	17,613	6,377
	Condemned . . . . .	. . . . .	2	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	6	. . . . .	3
Net gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,340	6,899	6,795	17,613	6,374	
Lower Hall.	Gain in located books .	2,008	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,792	1,465	3,385
	Less transfers and condemned books	596	353	231	2,115	1,361	1,021	1,430	2,586
	Net gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	15 (loss)†	799
Newspaper Room.	Gain in located books .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	254	101	402
	Less loss . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
	Net gain . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	254	101	402
Duplicate Room.	Gain by addition . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1,375	1,641	1,234
	Less loss by exch'ges, etc.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	506	334	786
	Net gain	659	301	139	149	360	369	1,307	448
E. Boston Branch.	Gain in located books .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	5,936	831	621	664	915
	Condemned and lost . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	50	97	143	334
	Net gain . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	5,986	831	524	521	581
S. Boston Branch.	Gain in located books .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	885	850	1,359
	Condemned and lost . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	76	217	644
	Net gain . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4,365	800	633	715

* Includes 12,057 (close estimate) of the Barton books, and 167 other volumes.

† The condemnations have been large for the year, the transfers few; but their combined excess over the gains, which are exceptionally small on account of the few books published in this country, shows, for the first time, an absolute loss for the year.

APPENDIX VI, *Continued.*

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
<i>Rox. Branch.</i>								
Gain in city part . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,764	1,060	1,296
Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	26	46
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,750	1,043	1,250
Fellowes Athenæum . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865	1,330	672
(Net gain.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,615	2,373	1,922
<i>Chn. Branch.</i>								
Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,932	1,306
Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144	403
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,788	902
<i>Bri. Branch.</i>								
Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,049	480
Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	75
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,037	405
<i>Dor. Branch.</i>								
Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,906
Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	3,906
<i>W. Rox Branch.</i>								
Duplicates reserved for this Branch . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	19
<i>Total Increase.</i>								
Bates Hall gain	5,946	6,290	6,480	11,349	6,999	6,795	19,271	6,374
Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	(loss) 15	799
Newspaper Room gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	101	402
Duplicate Room gain	659	301	139	149	300	899	1,307	448
E. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	631	624	621	681
S. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,366	909	633	716
Rox. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,760	1,043	1,250
Fellowes Athenæum gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865	1,330	672
Chn. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,788	902
Bri. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,037	405
Dor. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	3,906
W. R. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	19
Total gain	8,012	8,708	7,775	18,099	18,706	14,644	61,094	16,372

APPENDIX VII.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
English Books with British imprint . .	636	708	625	811	899	1,006	1,389	1,294	1,533
English Books with American imprint .	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,206	2,642	4,301	3,807	7,365
English Books with Continental imprint	104	100	80	50	48	115	291	125	375
Foreign Books	539	673	789	487	561	801	1,064	858	767
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	.....	447	248	480	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	2,529	2,926	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744	7,045	6,084	10,040

APPENDIX VIII.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.	1873-74.	1874-75.
May	758	.....	727	455	584	357	383
June	509	.....	490	464	584	527	477
July	1,037	.....	462	291	631	839	713
August	383	347	520	518	554	405	560
September . .	713	833	378	511	457	436	622
October	866	697	546	295	520	414	590
November . .	443	763	695	*4,528	489	377	722
December . .	639	632	905	651	646	507	758
January . . .	626	834	427	611	658	665	427
February . . .	563	633	706	724	456	594	349
March	521	382	1,001	788	551	472	419
April	417	1,175	661	†506	402	605	544
Total	7,475	6,206	7,508	10,834	6,622	6,196	6,564
Pamphlet vols. arranged by the Curator . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	385	554	206	169

NOTE. — These monthly figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1869. The figures for May, June, and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the Library year.

* 3,876 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

Pamphlets. During the year the Curator of pamphlets has continued the arrangement of all the loose pamphlets by subjects, etc., in the Cabinet Room; and such as were duplicates and not needed have been arranged in adjacent apartments.

APPENDIX IX. BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS. (Not including volumes added, but not yet located.)

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.					Class No.	CLASSES.	GENERAL LIBRARY.											Total of Books in- cluding the Special Libraries.
Bowditch Library.	Parker Library.	Prince Library.	Ticknor Library.	Barton Library.			Patent Library.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	May 1, 1875.		
244	276	6	...	...	...	I. Cyclopædias, etc.	24	86	19	22	22	32	10	9	13	1,263	1,789
32	596	3	246	...	...	II. Bibliography and Literary History .	170	231	326	271	278	235	205	165	178	4,476	5,352
16	650	54	...	...	...	III. General History, Biography, Travel and Geography	170	140	184	157	223	284	199	210	240	4,707	5,437
96	707	624	152	154	154	IV. American History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature	515	1,458	1,488	918	1,305	911	983	963	1,386	19,490	21,233	
75	578	69	16	2,096	2,096	V. English History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	403	762	739	767	1,018	686	606	713	611	15,519	18,384	
69	413	7	40	207	207	VI. French History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	188	335	413	207	263	443	530	433	271	8,998	9,724	
9	291	2	30	...	...	VII. Italian History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	87	239	189	190	238	249	60	108	147	6,149	6,481
7	1,293	8	18	...	...	VIII. Germanic History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature	223	159	206	222	250	250	290	210	184	5,287	6,603
6	1,122	196	27	...	...	IX. Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	100	112	97	107	82	123	98	114	3,905	5,256
20	82	...	2,798	...	...	X. Spanish and Portuguese History, and Literature . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	27	47	87	25	687	2,587
3	369	1	...	...	...	XI. Other History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Literature	214	216	189	190	262	170	222	148	148	8,692	4,064

908	601	6	97	...	XII. Periodicals and Transactions	314	311	567	445	560	367	364	208	222	13,533	15,143
144	3,243	872	310	...	XIII. Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	968	605	836	617	985	466	620	672	664	13,467	18,036
5	1,247	49	77	...	XIV. Metaphysics and Social Science . . .	135	343	429	444	373	263	324	290	367	5,683	7,066
3	307	13	30	...	XV. Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	106	115	109	115	2,957	3,300
65	98	...	15	...	XVI. Political Economy	79	66	118	75	130	53	101	97	143	1,464	1,642
3	66	22	...	...	XVII. Medical Science	370	556	705	615	365	669	747	459	570	9,033	9,123
14	124	...	...	...	XVIII. Natural History and Science . . .	155	170	172	212	191	231	289	188	223	1,701	5,839
231	90	20	53	...	XIX. Mathematics and Physical Sciences .	312	318	394	449	435	434	323	301	263	7,523	8,510
4	9	...	...	...	XX. Useful Arts	96	116	110	102	76	131	256	285	174	2,166	2,179
...	29	1	...	...	XXI. Fine Arts	197	205	193	333	253	215	201	162	215	4,339	4,369
6	...	...	...	...	XXII. Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphl's	...	...	15	6	5	3	0	5	9	430	445
...	...	18	31	...	XXIII. Bound Vols. of Manuscripts . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	1	0	50	50
2,542	11,935	1,970	3,940	11,902	Totals	5,100	6,237	7,475	6,296	7,508	6,477	6,022	5,905	6,353	140,379	176,122

EXPLANATION. — Class III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

Class V, CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII. — These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VIII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

Class XI includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

Class XIV includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Philology, etc.

Class XIX includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

Class XXII embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several alcoves.

NOTE. — The above figures of the special collections, excepting the Patent Library, which is yearly increased, exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials, but such accessions are counted in the classes of the general Library, though the books are located with the special collection. The increase of the Tieknor Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

The annual increase of the Patent Library is included in the last column of the Special Libraries, and not in the yearly locations of the General Library.

The column "May 1, 1874," does not include the totals of the Patent Library, or of the other special libraries.

APPENDIX X. LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.						To be deducted.				Total, May 1, 1876.
	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total, May 1.	New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned books replaced.	Total added, 1874-75.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.	Condemned.				
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc. . .	1,483	1,509	1,651	1,703	1,753	1,805	1,802	1,792	28	3	5	36	..	..	6	1,822	
Jurisprudence and Political Science	270	276	280	283	289	275	285	294	5	..	4	9	..	..	2	301	
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science	1,705	1,778	1,857	1,908	1,908	1,948	2,043	2,068	62	13	22	97	16	..	27	2,116			
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science	599	629	647	654	639	629	656	668	21	4	10	35	..	..	12	691	
American History and Politics	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,086	1,070	1,077	1,070	11	2	8	21	1	..	19	1,072			
Foreign History and Politics	1,383	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,383	1,380	1,354	1,362	23	1	4	28	..	..	10	1,380	
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric	2,268	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	2,529	2,544	2,540	49	7	29	85	11	..	53	2,572			
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	7,165	8,082	9,130	9,818	10,499	11,281	11,864	11,858	409	633	1839	2,651	5	10	2,113	12,626			
Biography	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,298	2,231	2,246	2,234	45	5	31	81	..	..	87	2,278	
Travels	1,897	1,871	1,989	2,041	1,990	1,980	1,965	1,986	60	14	27	101	..	..	47	2,040	
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.*	2,621	2,798	3,128	3,305	3,478	3,771	3,837	3,728	64	26	72	162	4	..	192	3,996			
German Books	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	1,250	1,262	1,261	9	..	6	15	..	..	18	1,283	
Italian Books	231	231	231	234	226	226	227	228	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	239
French Books	1,043	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	1,213	1,232	1,244	8	..	1	4	..	..	7	1,241	
Spanish Books . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Books of Reference	87	92	97	126	171	214	225	232	15	..	14	29	..	..	1	290	
Totals	25,199	26,006	28,728	29,909	30,874	31,827	32,805	32,666	804	708	1873	3,388	87	10	2,539	33,396			

* This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX XI.

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1874, TO APRIL 30, 1875. .

Donors (excluding anonymous),	1,091
Volumes,	4,169
Pamphlets,	10,153
Nos. of Periodicals,	5,746
	15,899

Note.—The income of the Library Funds is expended for books, which are credited yearly to the respective founders. See APPENDIX XXIII.

DONORS.	Vois.	Ppns.
Abbot, G. J., <i>Meadville, Pa.</i> ,		1
Acadia College, <i>Wolfville, N. S.</i> ,		2
Adams, Hon. Charles F.,	6	
Adams, J. F. A., M. D., <i>Pittsfield</i> ,	1	
Advocates' Library, <i>Edinburgh</i> ,	1	
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College, <i>Auburn, Ala.</i> ,		6
Alabama Insane Hospital, <i>Tuscaloosa, Ala.</i> ,		9
Albany County Bible Society, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,		11
Albany Law School, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,		2
Albèri, Chev. Eugenio, <i>Florence, Italy</i> ,	1	
Alfred University, <i>Alfred Centre, N. Y.</i> ,		8
Allen, J. C., <i>Leominster</i> ,		12
Allen, Miss Margaret,		2
Allen, Hon. William, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		1
Allibone, S. Austin, L.L. D., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , A set of proofs of Article Shakespeare in his "Dictionary of authors,"		
American Academy of Arts and Sciences,	1	
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> ,	1	2
American Association for the Advancement of Science,	1	
American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,		1
American Baptist Missionary Union,	1	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,	2	
American Congregational Association,		6
American Education Society,		1
American Female Guardian Society, <i>New York City</i> ,		6
American Institute of Mining Engineers,	1	
American Ophthalmological Society, <i>New York City</i> ,		8
American Pharmaceutical Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Ppba.
American Philological Association,		2
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
American Social Science Association,		17
American Society of Civil Engineers, <i>New York City</i> ,		4
American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	114	1
American Tract Society,		2
American Unitarian Association,	45	2
Anderson, <i>Rev. Rufus, D. D.</i> ,	5	
Andover, Town of,		14
Andover Theological Seminary,		1
Andrews, C. Stanley,		3
Anonymous, 8 broadsides, 1 map, 74 newspapers,	61	153
Antioch College, <i>Yellow Springs, Ohio</i> ,		1
Apgar, Ellis A., <i>Trenton, N. J.</i> ,		5
Appleton, Nathan,	5	
Appleton, William S.,	1	
Apprentices' Library, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		2
Archibald, <i>Hon. Adams G., Halifax, N. S.</i> ,	2	
Argentine Confederation,	4	
Arkansas Institute for the Blind, <i>Little Rock</i> ,		3
Arnold, R. A., <i>Nashua, N. H.</i> ,		9
Association for the Protection of Roman Catholic Children, <i>Astor Library, New York City</i> ,	1	2
Atkinson, Edward,		1
Atlanta University, <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i> ,		4
Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, <i>Portland,</i> <i>Me.</i> ,		24
Attwood, Gilbert,		2
Atwood, Charles,	4	
Auburn Theological Seminary, <i>Auburn, N. Y.</i> ,		20
Austin, <i>Hon. Arthur W.</i> ,	1	
Austin, S. Harris, <i>Grantsville</i> , 1 broadside,	27	24
Ayer, <i>Rev. Franklin D., Concord, N. H.</i> ,		9
Babcock, Albert, <i>Berlin</i> ,		30
Bagley, <i>Hon. John J., Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Bailey, <i>Hon. A. J.</i> , 4 broadsides, 1 newspaper,	14	143
Bailey, John E., <i>Manchester, England</i> ,	1	
Bailey, <i>Mrs. Mary Otis</i> ,	1	
Baird, <i>Prof. Spencer F., Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Baker, Henry B., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Bakewell and Marthens, <i>Pittsburgh, Pa.</i> ,	5	40
Bangor Theological Seminary, <i>Bangor, Me.</i> ,		1
Baptist Union Theological Seminary, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> ,		9
Barber, <i>Lieut. F. M.</i> ,	1	1
Barker, Edward T.,	2	
Barnard, James M.,	12	1
Barnett, <i>Hon. N. C., Atlanta, Ga.</i> ,		1
Bartlett, C. L.,		6
Bartlett, Edward J., <i>Concord</i> ,	1	
Bartlett, William S., <i>Chelsea</i> ,	1	
Baxter, W. J., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	3	
Bayes, T. P., <i>Orange, N. J.</i> ,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Fphs.
Beardsley Library, <i>West Winsted, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Beckwith, Harvey J.,	1	
Bell, <i>Maj.</i> James B.,		5
Beloit College, <i>Beloit, Wis.</i> ,		83
Benham, <i>Gen.</i> H. W.,	1	
Berea College, <i>Berea, Ky.</i> ,		9
Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M. D.</i> , 2 maps,		551
Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> ,	1	
Binney, Henry P., 155 newspapers,	47	15
Bird, Joseph, 1 broadside,		1
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee,	1	12
Bishop, Levi,	1	
Blaisdell, Charles,		4
Blake, Andrew M.,		1
Blake, Nathaniel F.,		1
Blake, Thomas H., <i>Kensington, N. H.</i> ,		18
Blatchford, John S., 3 broadsides,	1	
Blood, Benjamin P.,	1	
Boarding Home for Young Women, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		7
Bolander, <i>Hon.</i> , Henry N., <i>Sacramento, Cal.</i> ,	4	3
Bordentown Female College, <i>Bordentown, N. J.</i> , 1 broad- side,		3
Borgman, M. V., <i>Detroit, Mich.</i> ,		8
Bosson, George T.,		9
Boston, City of, 2 broadsides,	139	311
——— Athenæum,		1
——— Board of Trade,	3	10
——— City Missionary Society,		2
——— Dispensary,		1
——— Gas Light Company,	4	
——— Lying-in Hospital,		1
——— Provident Association,		2
——— Society of Medical Sciences,		1
Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation,		6
Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation,		1
Boutwell, <i>Hon.</i> George S., <i>Groton</i> ,	53	1
Bowditch, Ernest W.,	1	
Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M. D.</i> ,		94
Bowditch, Henry P., <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Bowditch, William I., <i>Brookline</i> ,	1	2
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> ,		1
Bowles, William B.,	1	
Boylston Medical Society,		1
Bradbury, John M., <i>Ipswich</i> ,	1	
Bradford, T. G., Likeness of Gov. Gore in wax,		
Bradlee, <i>Rev.</i> Caleb D., 57 broadsides, 204 newspapers,	132	85
Bradner, N. Roe, <i>Jr.</i> , <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Breck, Charles, <i>Milton</i> ,	2	
Breck, <i>Rev.</i> J. Lloyd, <i>D. D.</i> , <i>Benicia, Cal.</i> ,		2
Brevoort, J. C., <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,	1	
Brewer, Fisk P., <i>Columbia, S. C.</i> ,	1	
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i> ,		11
Brewer and Tileston,	7	
Bridgeman, Alfred, <i>New York City</i> ,		2

DONORS.	Vols.	Fpha.
Briggs, Daniel B., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	6	6
Briggs, G. C.,		2
Brigham Hall, <i>Canandaigua, N. Y.</i> ,	7	1
British Museum, <i>London</i> ,		8
Brookline Public Library,		1
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United States Bureau of Navigation,	1	2
— Bureau of Statistics,	2	
— Chief of Engineers,	7	2
— Chief of Ordnance,	3	
— Civil Service Commission,		7
— Department of the Interior,	56	
— Department of Justice,	1	
— Library of Congress,		1
— Naval Observatory,	2	
— Mint,		1
— Patent Office,	24	
— Quartermaster General's Office,	2	
— Surgeon General's Office,		1
Universalist Publishing Company, 5 newspapers,		11
University of Louisiana, <i>New Orleans</i> ,		3
University of Minnesota, <i>Minneapolis</i> ,	1	
University of Missouri, <i>St. Louis</i> ,		6
University of New Brunswick, <i>Fredericton</i> ,		2
University of Notre Dame, <i>Notre Dame, Ind.</i> ,		3
University of Rochester, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> ,		6
University of South Carolina, <i>Columbia, S. C.</i> ,	1	32
Upham, J. Baxter, <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Van Nort, <i>Hon. G. M., New York City</i> ,	1	
Veazie, Joseph,	1	
Venezuela, Government of,	12	1
Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company,		7
Vermont State Library, <i>Montpelier</i> ,	8	1
Very, <i>Lieut. Samuel W., U. S. N., Washington, D. C.</i> ,	2	
Vibbert, <i>Rev. George H., Somerville</i> ,		4
Viles, Daniel F., <i>Waltham</i> ,		1
Vinton, Frederick, <i>Princeton, N. J.</i> ,		1
Waldo, <i>Misses C. and P., Cambridge</i> ,	140	15
Wallace, <i>Capt. W.</i> ,	2	
Ware, <i>Col., Henry</i> ,	4	1
Warner, <i>Hon. F. A., Des Moines, Iowa</i> ,	2	5
Warren, <i>Hon. G. W.</i> ,	87	1
Warren, <i>Hon. William W.</i> ,	2	83
Warren County Library, <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i> ,	1	
Washington and Jefferson College, <i>Washington, Pa.</i> ,		3
Washington and Lee University, <i>Lexington, Va.</i> ,		3
Washington University, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> ,		3
Washingtonian Home, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> ,		1
Waterston, <i>Rev. R. C.</i> ,		3
Watertown Free Public Library,		3
Wattson, Thomas B., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		2
Weaver, Abram B., <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Webber, S. G., <i>M. D.</i> ,		78
Weigel, <i>Hon. Eugene F., Jefferson City, Mo.</i> ,		7
Welsh, Isaac, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		2
West Chester Library Association,		1
Western Lunatic Asylum, <i>Staunton, Va.</i> ,		1
Western University of Pennsylvania, <i>Pittsburgh</i> ,		3
West Newton English and Classical School,		1
West Virginia Medical Society, <i>Wheeling</i> ,		4

DONORS.	Vols.	Ppns.
Wharton, <i>Rev. Francis, D. D., Cambridge,</i>		2
Wheaton College, <i>Wheaton, Ill., 2 broadsides,</i>		6
Wheeler, <i>Lieut. George M., Washington, D. C.,</i>	1	
Wheeler, William A.,	9	6
Wheeler, <i>Mrs. William A.,</i>	2	
Wheildon, William W., <i>Concord, 5 manuscripts,</i>	1	4
Whitaker, J., <i>London,</i>	1	
White, Andrew D., <i>Rhaca, N. Y.,</i>		1
White, James C., <i>M. D.,</i>		278
White, James W., <i>Grafton,</i>		7
Whiting, <i>Mrs. William,</i>	1	
Whitman, <i>Mrs. Mary K., 46 newspapers,</i>		
Whitmore, William H.,		1
Whitney, Edmund B.,	1	
Whitney, <i>Rev. Frederick A.,</i>	5	16
Whitney, <i>Mrs. Frederick A.,</i>	1	
Whitney, <i>Mrs. George,</i>		208
Whitney, George C., <i>Worcester,</i>		2
Whitney, Henry A.,	7	
Whitney, James L., <i>6 broadsides, 47 newspapers,</i>		42
Whitney, <i>Prof. Josiah D., Cambridge,</i>	2	
Whitney, <i>Prof. William D., New Haven,</i>		1
Whittier, D. B., <i>1 broadside,</i>	1	
Willard Asylum for the Insane, <i>Willard, N. Y.,</i>		4
William Jewell College, <i>Liberty, Mo.,</i>		1
Williams, B. W.,		9
Williams, James, <i>Columbus, Ohio,</i>	1	
Williams, <i>Hon. John M. S., Washington, D. C.,</i>	27	1
Williams College, <i>Williamstown,</i>		2
Williamson, R. S., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.,</i>		17
Wilmington, <i>Del., Board of Trade,</i>	3	2
— Institute,		3
Wilson, <i>Gen. James Grant, New York City,</i>	8	2
Wilson Industrial School and Mission, <i>New York City,</i>		17
Winchester Home for Aged Women,		5
Winchester Town Library,		16
Winsor, Justin,	3	1
Wisconsin Historical Society, <i>Madison,</i>	1	2
— Horticultural Society, <i>Madison,</i>	3	3
— Industrial School for Boys, <i>Waukesha,</i>		5
— Soldiers' Orphans' Home, <i>Madison,</i>		7
— State Agricultural Society, <i>Madison,</i>	1	
Woburn Library Committee,		2
Woman's Christian Association, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio,</i>		4
Woman's Christian Association, <i>Pittsburgh, Pa.,</i>		6
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, <i>Bloomington, Ill.,</i>		3
Woman's Medical College, <i>Chicago, Ill.,</i>		5
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.,</i>		2
Woman's Union Missionary Society, <i>New York City,</i>	4	1
Woodman, Cyrus, <i>Cambridge,</i>	1	
Woods, George, <i>L. L. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.,</i>		1
Woodworth, John M., <i>M. D., Washington, D. C.,</i>	2	2

DONORS.	Vols.	Ppba.
Wooster University, <i>Wooster, Ohio</i> ,		8
Worcester County Musical Association, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Worcester Free Institute,		3
— Public Library,	2	5
Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company,		17
Working Church Publishing Company, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Working Women's Protective Union, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Worthington and Flanders,	2	
Wright, Hon. Albert J., 8 broadsides, 6 maps,	193	1683
Wright and Potter,		5
Wynne, Thomas H., <i>Richmond, Va.</i> ,	2	1
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		14
York Institute, <i>Saco, Me.</i> , 5 newspapers,		
Young Men's Association, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> ,		2
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		2
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Young Men's Christian Association of the United States, and the British Provinces,		7
Young Men's Christian Union, 1 broadside,		1
Young Men's Institute, <i>Hartford Conn.</i> ,		1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati,</i> <i>Ohio</i> ,		1

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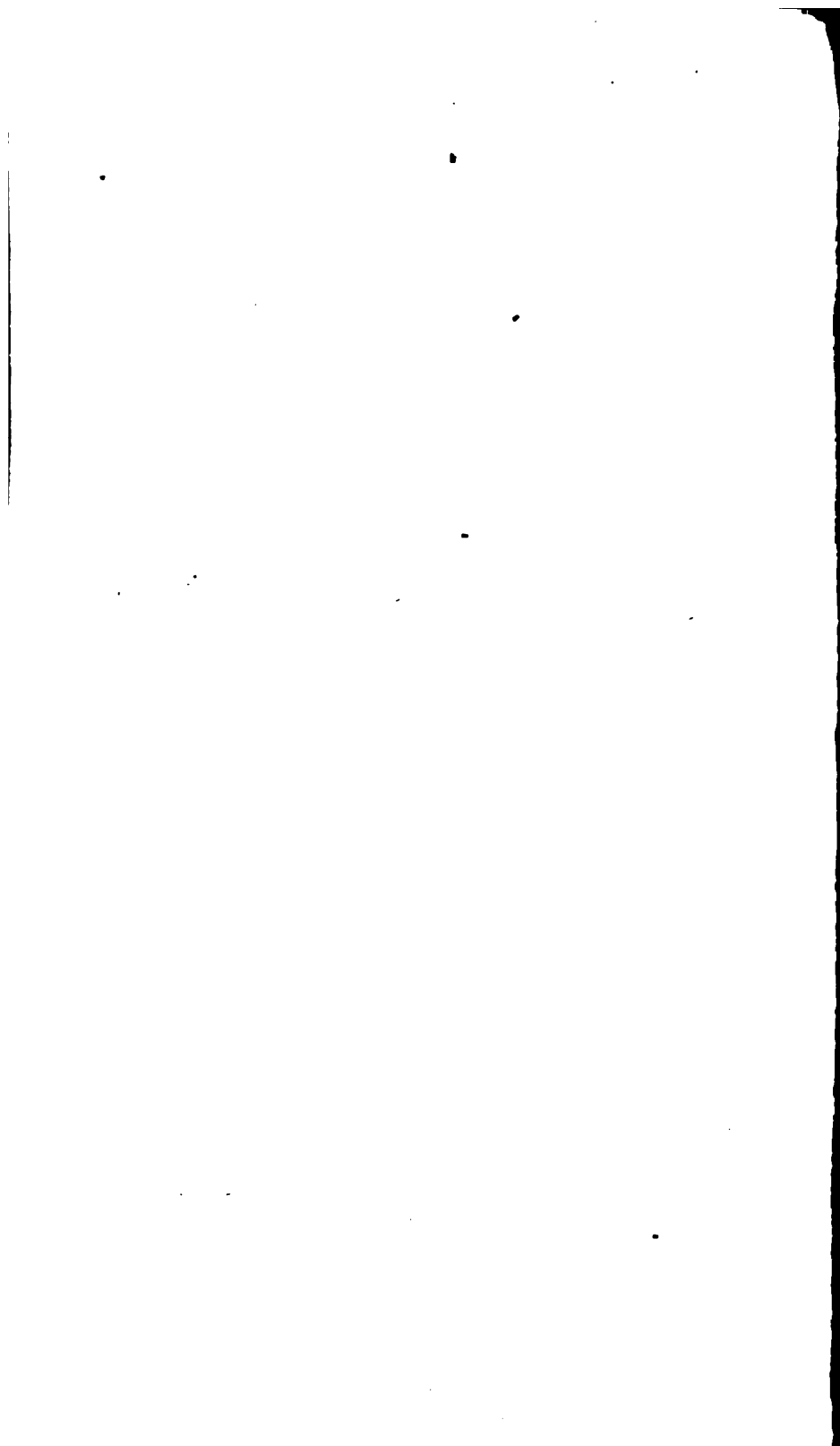
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APPENDIX XIII.

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1864-8, had 17,086 names; the second, 1869-67, had 52,839 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.								Totals.	
		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.		
I.	Applications.	Central Library .	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,006	6,688	6,670	8,016	7,885	61,479
		E. B. Branch . .	...	...	...	2,320	998	826	1,244	1,001	6,384
		S. B. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	223	3,004	1,666	1,560	6,562
		Rox. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,475	1,470	4,945
		Chn. Branch . . .	Previous Registration assumed.						698	1,070	8,391
		Bri. Branch . . .	Previous Registration assumed.						108	283	1,672
		Dor. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,340	1,340	
		Total	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	10,566	15,202	14,569	90,782
II.	Applications sent to Police (for verification when needed).	Central Library .	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,576	3,419	3,642	3,906	25,059
		E. B. Branch . .	...	...	...	1,012	474	266	468	476	2,691
		S. B. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	645	515	340	1,500
		Rox. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	237	353	590
		Chn. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	19
		Bri. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
		Dor. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	53	
		Total	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,062	3,350	4,380	4,868	5,136	29,912
III.	Cards Re-fused (mostly for non-residency or under age).	Central Library .	233	302	179	241	267	288	267	283	1,980
		E. B. Branch . .	...	...	...	80	28	10	12	16	145
		S. B. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	64	36	18	118
		Rox. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	51	140
		Chn. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	12
		Bri. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
		Dor. Branch . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	
		Total	233	302	179	321	295	362	430	383	2,402

APPENDIX XIII. — *Continued.*

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1864-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1869-67, had 52,829 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.									
		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	Totals.	
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	<i>Central Library</i>	332	530	404	303	430	400	291	230	3,407
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	117	151	83	90	84	535
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	179	65	60	304
		<i>Box. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	102	119
		<i>Can. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	52	52
		<i>Bri. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
		<i>Dor. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	50
		<i>Total</i>	332	530	404	510	590	681	304	578	4,600
V.	Applications Cancelled. (Six months on file, and one month longer after notice).	<i>Central Library</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	364	196	245	335	2,355
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	32	45	46	44	217
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	32	106	66	236
		<i>Box. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	102	119
		<i>Can. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	52	52
		<i>Bri. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	17	17
		<i>Dor. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	366	333	414	618	2,918

During the past two years an attempt has been made to separate the slips of persons believed now to be using the Library, distinguishing them by the fact of their visiting the libraries during the year, and the result shows that nearly two-thirds of the cards may be considered *alias*.

APPENDIX XIII. — *Concluded.*

MEMORANDA.

MEMORANDA.	1872.		1873.		1874.	1875.								
		CENTRAL LIBRARY.	E. B.	S. B.	TOTAL.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.	E. B.	S. B.	ROX.	CEN.	BRI.	DOR.	TOTAL.	
Largest weekly No. of applicants	202	204	34	107	680	Nov. Dec.	211	40	43	47	42	12	264	673
Month of this last	Oct.	Nov.	...	May	...				Nov.	Mar.	Jan.	Jan.	...	
Smallest weekly No. of applicants	56	48	2	17	123	June.	67	3	10	1	6	0	17	106
Month of this last	May	June.	...	Dec.	...				June.	May etc	Dec.	April	...	
Weekly average	128	128	16	60	323		151	19	30	29	20	5	77	332
Largest daily number	39	46	14	53	169		48	11	16	16	12	7	61	169
Date of same	Feb. 28.	Sept. 28.	Feb. 1.	May 11.	...	Jan. 30.	Mar. 27.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb. 13.	Jan. 16, etc	Jan. 23.	...	
Smallest daily number	2	1	0	2	6		2	0	0	9	0	0	3	...
Date of same	Sept. 18.	May 30.	...	May 30.	...	May 30.	Sept. 27.	Apr.	May 29.	Sept. 27.	Sept. 27.	Apr. 23.	...	
Cards reported lost	2,493	2,483	402	711	3,997		2,951	646	734	184	162	14	150	4,783
Of these replaced	1,636	1,701	209	512	3,144		2,017	460	521	175	119	14	129	3,437
Cards detained for fines	273	350	332	192	959		700	228	410	367	80	19	6	1,791
Cancellation warnings	327	241	51	112	479		415	44	89	109	72	...	0	729
Of these cards called for	63	45	...	...	172		335	19	21	2	20	...	0	397

APPENDIX XIV.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED. USE OF BRITISH PATENTS AND TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED.				USE OF PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.				
	Total recom- mended.		Already in Library.		Persons.	Hours' use.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.
	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1864	123	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1865	221	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1866	121	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1867	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1868	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1869	178	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1870	91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1871	115	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1872	204	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1873	135	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1874	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1875	53	..	..	..	183	243	..	..	..	..	..
1876	306	..	..	..	187	248	..	..	..	..	..
1877	546	..	96	..	197	248	..	..	..	..	..
1878	1,120	..	183	..	267	327	..	..	..	..	..
1879	1,178	..	226	..	361	539	..	..	..	..	..
1870 (nine months)	1,231	..	267	..	346	399	..	..	..	..	..
1871	1,665	..	418	..	347	301	..	..	..	..	..
1872	91,576	..	334	..	643	816	..	..	..	..	812
1873	1,025	..	339	..	978	1,301	119	221	143	160	643
1874	1,990	290	467	48	1,400	2,591	137	231	163	218	758
1875	1,903	283	419	61	1,766	2,797	..	..	..	..	..

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended," the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended" does not appear in this table. For instance, of the 1,120 — (183 + 423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

* The partial disuse of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

Patents. — The American, French and British Patents have now been placed in the new Patent Room, under charge of a Curator. The figures before 1874 in the table showed the use of the British Patents only.

Engravings. — The statistics refer only to the bound volumes, not to those framed and on the walls. The showing of them during the greater part of the year has been very irregular, owing to the illness of the former Curator, and the want of space while the work of decorating the Bates Hall went on. But it is now arranged that the Curator shows them every day from 9 to 12.

APPENDIX XV.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.													
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12	19	16	15	
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13	10	12	11	11	
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	6	6	5	
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3	4	3	4	
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	
Greek, Latin and Philology	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Transactions	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	2	
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10	8	8	7	
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11	10	11	11	
Natural History and Science	4	4	4.5	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	3	
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14	10	11	11	
Medicine	7	5	4.5	8	6	6	8	8	9	9	8	7	6	
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	5	6	7	
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	

NOTE.—In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker, and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix IX.

APPENDIX XVI. LOWER HALL READING. SHOWN FROM SLIPS OF BOOKS RETURNED.

Class No.	ALCOVER.	CLASSES.	1869.		1869.		1870. (Nine months)		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.	
			Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX.	Sciences, Arts, Professions.	10,522	7.4	11,436	6.97	7,907	4.9	12,992	5.7	14,906	6	12,757	6+	14,422	7	15,218	-7
2	II, XII.	American History and Politics	2,533	1.8	2,682	1.63	2,071	1.4	2,270	1	2,096	-1	1,496	1	2,705	3	3,878	-4
3	IX, XIX.	Foreign History and Politics	3,030	2.1	3,231	1.94	2,386	1.5	2,702	1.3	2,715	1+	1,953	1	2,384	3	3,983	-4
4	III, XIII.	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Miscellaneous, Essays, etc.	3,892	2.6	2,461	1.5	2,441	1.5	5,964	2.7	8,019	4	7,651	7	8,636	4	9,704	4+
5	IV, XIV.	Prose fiction for adults and youths	105,227.	74.2	125,273	76.36	120,355	75.4	167,004	77.2	173,438	76	154,835	74	158,453	71	163,657	69+
6	VII, XVII.	Biography	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.73	4,025	2.7	5,106	2.3	4,108	2	2,641	1	5,027	3	7,415	2+
7	V, XV.	Travels, Voyages, etc.	3,289	2.3	5,363	3.26	5,164	3.4	6,062	2.8	4,908	3	3,031	1	6,200	3	8,649	4+
8	VI, XVI.	Collections, Periodicals, etc.	5,941	4.3	4,550	2.77	5,747	3.8	11,430	5.3	14,815	6	17,167	8+	15,563	7	15,106	6+
9	VIII, XVIII.	French, German and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,488	2.73	2,637	2.4	4,451	2	2,691	1+	5,341	2	6,388	3	7,394	3
10	X, XX, except ranges, 8, 9, 10.		141,833	..	164,038	..	155,123	..	216,996	..	228,364	..	207,382	..	221,418	..	236,004	..

A comparison of this table with those showing the classifications of the Reading at the Branches, indicates the beneficial effects of the notes in the Lower Hall class list for History, Biography and Travel, which has reduced materially the percentage of fiction used; while it is maintaining its old predominance, and in some cases increases in the Branches.

NOTE. — The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVII.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1872. (3 mos.)		1873.		1873.		1874.		1875.	
			Books returned.	Percent. Age.	Books returned.	Percent. Age.	Books returned.	Percent. Age.	Books returned.	Percent. Age.	Books returned.	Percent. Age.
I.	10, 11, 12, 19, 21 . . .	Biography	669	3	1,104	1	729	1	1,216	1+	1,146	1+
II.	4, 33	Collections, Libraries, etc.	553	2	1,002	1	632	1	801	1	819	-1
III.	24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 34	Fiction in Prose	8,563	36	31,037	43	30,373	45	37,350	46	43,660	46+
IV.	27	Foreign Books	27	-1	57	..	62	..	43	..	25	..
V.	13, 14, 18, 35	History	1,066	5	1,819	2	1,197	2	1,679	2+	1,830	2+
VI.	1, 2	Juvenile Books	6,639	23	25,855	35	25,411	37	26,786	33	27,077	31+
VII.	15, 20	Miscellaneous	747	3	1,256	2	798	1+	1,317	1+	1,292	1+
VIII.	5, 6, 7, 17, 37, 39, 40, 41	Periodicals (bound)	1,119	5	4,009	6	3,914	6	4,786	-6	4,496	5+
IX.	16, 22	Poetry and Drama	2,071	9	2,447	4	1,131	-2	2,206	2+	2,047	2+
X.	3, 26, 38	Science, Arts, Professions	863	3	2,057	3	1,527	3	1,997	3	1,964	2+
XI.	8, 9, 23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5	2,206	3	1,863	3	2,241	-5	1,937	2+
XII.	26	Patent Office Reports . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
		Totals	23,575	..	73,839	..	67,637	..	80,423	..	85,101	..

NOTE. — The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether fiction, history, biography, etc., would require.

APPENDIX XVIII. SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH READING.

CLASS No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1873.		1874.		1875.	
			Books returned.	Per- centage.	Books returned.	Per- centage.	Books returned.	Per- centage.
I.	15, 16	American History and Biography . .	2,504	-3	2,976	-3	3,138	-3
II.	5, 6, 7, 8	Foreign History and Biography . . .	1,367	3	2,242	2+	2,569	2+
III.	32, 34, 36	Travels, Voyages	3,064	2+	3,302	2+	3,937	-4
IV.	18, 28, 29, 32	Professions	349	-1	435	-1	435	-1
V.	25	Poetry and Drama	1,909	3	2,092	2+	1,969	1+
VI.	31, 39	Arts and Sciences	3,373	2+	3,454	2+	3,674	2+
VII.	3, 4, 17, 20, 27, 30, 35	Miscellanies, Collections, etc.	3,163	2+	3,480	2+	3,509	2+
VIII.	1, 2, 19	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	4,140	4+	5,264	5+	4,388	-4
IX.	11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26	Fiction and Juveniles	76,222	78	85,047	79+	85,632	-79
X.	10	Patents	26	}}	6	}}	32	}}
XI.	40	Foreign Languages	91	-1	65	}}	122	}}
		Totals	99,797	...	108,364	...	112,275	...

APPENDIX XIX.

ROXBURY BRANCH AND FELLOWES ATHENÆUM READING.

NOTE.—The two sections of this table, refer to two different collections of books.

Box. Br. Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874.		1875.	
			Books Returned	Percent- age.	Books Returned	Percent- age.
I.	1, 2, 5, 7 .	Prose Fiction	28,575	-49	40,508	-52
II.	2, 4	Travels	2,623	-5	2,555	2+
III.	6, 8	History	1,121	-2	1,183	1+
IV.	9, 11 . . .	Juveniles	19,261	32+	20,650	34
V.	10, 12 . . .	Biography	1,351	2+	1,583	2
VI.	13, 14 . . .	Periodicals	1,019	-2	1,338	-2
VII.	15, 17 . . .	Arts, Sciences, Professions . . .	2,657	4+	2,315	4
VIII.	16	Poetry and Drama	1,219	2+	1,235	-5
IX.	18, 19 . . .	Collected Works and Lit. Miscel- laneous	724	-2	1,069	-2
X.	20	Books in Foreign Languages . .	55		114	1+
F. A. Class No.		Total	58,005	..	73,858	..
I.	50, 54, 59 .	History, Biography, Travels . .	1,982	35	3,754	-43
II.	55, 57 . . .	Modern Foreign Languages . . .	729	13	1,073	12+
III.	51, 53, 55, 57	Periodicals	160	2	331	4
IV.	52, 56 . . .	Miscellaneous Literature	651	12	921	10+
V.	58	Theology, Sociology, Ethics . . .	412	7	550	6+
VI.	60	Medicine	46	1	51	1
VII. *	61	Greek and Latin Languages and Literature	263	5	374	4+
VIII.	62	Fine Arts, Engineering	684	12	750	8½
IX.	63, 69 . . .	Law, Politics, Government . . .	36	1	149	-2
X.	64, 66, 68 .	Mathematics, Natural and Applied Science	719	12	846	-10
		Total	5,601	..	8,820	..

APPENDIX XX.

BRIGHTON BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES	CLASSES.	1874-5.	
			Books returned.	Per centage.
I.	1, 2, 3, 4,	Fiction	17,082	84
II.	5, 6, 7, 8,	Biography, Travel and History . .	1,424	7
III.	9 to 17	Others	1,957	9
		Total	21,043	..

APPENDIX XXI.

DORCHESTER BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874-5.	
			Books returned.	Per centage.
I.	1, 11	Poetry, Drama	221	-1
II.	2, 12	Travels	535	-4
III.	3, 13	Fiction	3,083	47
IV.	4, 14		2,677	
V.	5, 15	Juveniles	5,348	-37
VI.	6, 16	History	235	2
VII.	7, 17	Biography	414	-3
VIII.	8, 18	Periodicals	162	1+
IX.	9, 19	Art, Sciences, etc.	465	3+
X.	10, 20	Miscellanies, etc.	311	2+
		Total	14,901	..

CHARLESTOWN BRANCH READING.

NOTE.—No classification of the use is practicable, as the books are shelved without regard to classes. Tables similar to those of the other branches will be possible when a rearrangement of the books is made.

STATISTICS OF USE.

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Number of days open	289	300	†299	†200	308	359	359	359	359	359	82
Total readers	55,284	\$70,892	\$91,674	117,202	193,417	171,519	218,838	233,704	100,682	16,541	26,886	18,009	21,152	249,570
Daily average readers	191	256	305	510	675	557	678	706	465	46	75	52	60	698
Magazines read, total	81,783	83,034	138,122	142,962	290,150	254,159	288,462	320,524	235,593	27,792	43,785	26,308	15,204	348,772
Magazines read, daily average	283	293	455	622	992	825	897	964	657	77	122	74	43	973

READING ROOMS.	No. of Magazines.		Sundays open.		Average issue per Sunday for the year.		Largest average issue per Sunday in any month.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
Central	418	515	53	52	421	473	603, Jan.	646, Mar.
East Boston	41	47	52	52	141	113	241, Jan.	198, Feb.
South Boston	41	56	53	52	132	143	226, Nov.	310, Mar.
Roxbury	67	77	43	52	74	68	132, Feb.	97, Feb.
Charlestown	82	88	16	44	82	50	91, Feb.	78, Mar.
Brighton	23	23	17	51	...	...	...	...
Dorchester (4 months) . . . . .	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced -- If currently received -- in the Periodical List, issued by the Library.

↑ Eleven months and no vacation.

Eight months.
Nine months.

† This includes for 1869, 2,120, and for 1863, 2,013 non-resident readers: but now the distinction is not made.

NOTE.—The use of newspapers at the Charlestown Branch is not included, but the number of readers of them is. No statistics of use at Brighton and Dorchester are practicable under the present arrangements.

APPENDIX XXIII.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1867.		1868.		1869.		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.	
		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.	
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	14,652		11,911		18,124		11,920		18,700		21,868		27,191		31,933	
2	Books returned after notice	14,208		11,479		18,613		11,419		17,856		20,872		23,746		30,149	
3	Books sent for by messenger	1,449		432		511		501		844		993		1,445		1,759	
4	Books recovered by messenger . . . .	. . . .		403		491		475		805		956		1,377		1,680	
5	Books not recovered	231		35		20		20		39		37		68		79	
6	Books condemned	420		257		261		212		1,224		899		835		2,299	
7	Books covered . . . . .	. . . .		33,241		23,826		34,639		54,184		31,806		106,537		152,102	
8	Persons finable not paying messenger . . . .	. . . .		86		75		87		196		308		466		701	
9	Fines collected by messenger . . . .	. . . .		\$35 78		\$122 10		\$103 37		\$184 07		\$214 20		\$301 59		\$321 76	
10	Fines uncollected by messenger . . . .	. . . .		\$40 26		\$40 77		\$41 65		\$98 74		\$107 23		\$151 36		\$236 12	
11	Residences changed without notice . . . .	. . . .		58		92		57		116		. . . .		345		129	
12	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	. . . .		. . . .		. . . .		. . . .		2,669		3,219		6,460		6,354	

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.—Continued.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1875.								
		B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	ROX.	CH'W.	BEL.	DOR.	TOTAL.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	5,088	13,304	3,722	4,739	4,283	3,389	1,432	312	36,309
2	Books returned after notice	4,778	12,082	3,682	4,569	4,156	3,300	1,863	310	34,095
3	Books sent for by messenger	206	1,373	140	180	137	89	39	2	2,214
4	Books recovered by messenger	280	1,308	137	179	120	84	39	2	2,129
5	Books not recovered	5	64	3	1	7	5	0	0	85
6	Books condemned	3	2,439	324	644	48	391	67	5	4,031
7	Books covered . . . . .	...	34,164	40,909	34,973	37,543	16,174	5,908	...	219,631
8	Persons finable not paying messenger	70	373	56	96	32	31	0	1	649
9	Fines collected by messenger	\$64 14	\$243 30	\$32 07	\$30 23	\$3 16	\$4 60	\$14 08	\$.38	\$304 95
10	Fines uncollected by messenger	\$32 27	\$170 19	\$19 06	\$34 56	\$26 04	\$7 34	...	\$.36	\$309 81
11	Residences changed without notice . . . . .	...	463	83	14	9	119	0	0	693
12	Books sent to binderies	4,700	3,371	647	660	679	494	239	0	10,330

1874-5. — Of 719,483 volumes delivered to borrowers, only one in 3,921 failed to be recovered.

APPENDIX XXIV. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GENERAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT.	1870-71.			1871-72.			1872-73.			1873-74.			1874-75.			Paid into City Treas- ury from fines and sales of Col- lege of Cal- abogue.
	City ap- propriat'.	Expended.	City ap- propriat'.	Expended.	Fellows Athensum.	City ap- propriat'.	Expended.	Fellows Athensum.	City ap- propriat'.	Expended.	Fellows Athensum.	City ap- propriat'.	Expended.	Fellows Athensum.	City ap- propriat'.	
Binding	\$4,400	\$5,231 33	\$5,200	\$5,609 12	. . . . .	\$4,000	\$2,511 10	. . . . .	\$5,856	\$5,853 63	. . . . .	\$6,500	\$8,080 84	. . . . .	1859	\$437 80
Books	7,500	{ 12,109 68	9,000	{ 14,888 60	2,181 10	9,000	{ 12,477 89	2,181 10	85,697 28	{ 44,131 56	\$1,652 22	15,000	{ 16,962 45	\$2,103 61	1860	460 00
Periodicals		1,979 63		3,180 08			1,806 84			2,679 57			5,295 16		1861	246 34
Catalogues (printing)	4,800	3,433 62	5,700	5,731 85	. . . . .	5,600	3,943 18	. . . . .	8,610	7,513 20	. . . . .	6,000	3,361 57	. . . . .	1862	350 00
Expense	1,600	1,678 90	2,000	2,487 04	. . . . .	2,000	2,628 59	. . . . .	4,306	3,141 01	. . . . .	5,000	4,159 59	. . . . .	1863	525 40
Fuel	1,200	1,083 80	1,650	1,506 20	. . . . .	1,650	1,643 75	. . . . .	2,680	2,720 50	. . . . .	4,000	3,440 88	. . . . .	1864	314 90
Furniture (cabinets, shelv- ing, fixtures, etc.)	1,200	1,982 03	1,650	2,012 88	. . . . .	1,600	1,693 90	. . . . .	2,870	1,453 55	. . . . .	13,500	10,296 55	. . . . .	1865	385 64
Gas	1,700	2,041 76	2,200	2,303 98	. . . . .	2,600	2,435 45	. . . . .	5,022	3,400 06	. . . . .	4,500	4,523 55	. . . . .	1866	203 93
Printing (miscellaneous)	1,700	2,247 25	2,200	2,299 14	. . . . .			. . . . .			. . . . .			. . . . .	1867	504 18
Stationery	1,000	1,303 96	1,400	1,587 44	. . . . .	4,000	4,217 59	. . . . .	6,457	5,280 72	. . . . .	6,000	4,687 57	. . . . .	1868	507 73
Salaries	30,000	29,074 00	35,000	34,507 71	. . . . .	39,650	35,253 45	. . . . .	80,000	48,782 76	. . . . .	62,000	60,101 03	. . . . .	1869	659 85
Transportation, Postage, etc.	700	947 23	1,000	1,210 85	. . . . .	1,200	1,213 57	. . . . .	2,440	2,440 24	. . . . .	2,500	2,288 18	. . . . .	1870	996 03

BRANCHES.	East Boston Br.		South Boston and Rox. Branches.		Rox. Branch completing outfit.		Dorchester Branch.		1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
	4,250	3,899 69	{ S. B. 3,000 Rox. 3,000	3,037 76 2,374 10	{ Ch'n 749 56 Brl.	602 40	3,000	3,529 33	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
Books and Periodicals . . .													
Prints, Catalogues, Printing, etc.	1,700	2,323 41	{ S. B. 4,500 Rox. 4,500	4,609 80 565 26	{ Ch'n . . . Brl.	243 42 175 84	4,500	2,664 06					
Salaries	3,000	1,117 35	{ S. B. 2,500 Rox. 2,500	2,660 43 288 58	{ Ch'n . . . Brl.	4,084 97 791 87	2,500	1,026 45					
Totals	\$65,000	\$70,443 70	\$91,000	\$86,498 41	\$137,568 83	\$183,775 68	\$135,000	\$180,483 11	\$2,193 61				

* The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for books.

† The appropriation for binding before this year had included the salaries of the workmen in the Bindery, but is now changed to the appropriation for salaries. Increase of \$11,650, by vote of the City Council in December, 1873, in anticipation of the annexation of Charlestown and Brighton. The difference of the total amount expended and appropriated is met by the income of the Trust Funds.

NOTE.—The expenditures for books cover the cost of those chargeable to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City, and also includes such as are bought with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequently to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining Branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.

The money for books bought on account of the Fellows Athenaeum is spent under the direction of the Book Committee of the Trustees of the Fellows Fund.

APPENDIX XXV. LIBRARY FUNDS. — INVESTED IN CITY OF BOSTON SIXES.

GIVER.	Amount.	When delivered.	No. of Bond.	When due.	Income.	Provisions.
1 Joshua Bates	\$50,000	March, 1853	1,737	April, 1864	\$3,000	To buy "books of permanent value."
2 Jonathan Phillips . .	20,000	April, 1861	3,283	Jan., 1876	1,800	{ "To the maintenance of a free Public Library."
	10,000	April, 1863	1,725	April, 1864		{ "Purchase of books."
3 Abbott Lawrence . .	10,000	May, 1860	2,944	July, 1875	600	Books having a permanent value.
4 Henry L. Pierce . . .	5,000	December, 1873	1,567	Jan., 1884	300	"Books of permanent value for the Bates Hall."
5 Mary P. Townsend . .	4,000	July, 1861	8,298	April, 1879	240	Books five years old in some one edition.
6 George Ticknor	4,000	April, 1871	10,480	April, 1881	240	Books in Spanish and Portuguese, five years old in some one edition.
7 John P. Bigelow . . .	1,000	August, 1850	1,728	April, 1864	60	Purchase of books.
8 Franklin Club	1,000	June, 1863	5,131	Jan., 1884	60	{ Books of permanent value, preferably books on Government and Political Economy."
	\$105,000				\$6,300	

M E M O R A N D A .

- (1) Joshua Bates, b. near Boston, 1788; d. in London, as head of the house of Baring Brothers & Co., 1864. In addition to this fund, he gave \$50,000 worth of books to the Library.
- (2) The sum of \$10,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 28th Sept., 1849. He died 29th July, 1860, aged 82.
- (3) Mr. Lawrence died in August, 1865, and this sum was a bequest.
- (4) This was a donation from Mayor Pierce, previous to his retirement from office. The principal or interest may be expended as deemed best.
- (5) This fund was received from William Minot and William Minot, Jr., executors of Miss Townsend's will, to whom discretionary power in making the gift was given by the will.
- (6) This fund was a bequest, accompanying the testamentary gift of his Spanish and Portuguese Library. It is required that \$1,000, at least, shall be spent every five years, for twenty-five years, for the addition to books to said library.
- (7) This fund was a sum intended for a testimonial to Mr. Bigelow on retiring from the mayoralty, and transferred by him to this purpose.
- (8) This fund was given by the Trustees of the Franklin Club, under authority given them at the dissolution of that Literary Association.

APPENDIX XXVI.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*
JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Assistant Superintendent.*
JAMES M. HUBBARD, *Principal Assistant.*
FREDERIC B. PERKINS, *Office Secretary.*
Charles A. Wilson, *Despatch Clerk.*
Miss A. A. Nichols, *Auditor.*
Frank H. Thomas, *Superintendent's Runner.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Chief.*
James M. Hubbard, *Principal Assistant*; William H. Foster, *Proof Reader*; Arthur M. Knapp, *Pamphlets and Periodicals*; José F. Carret, *Patents and Engravings*; Mrs. S. A. Joslyn, *Patent Room and Accession Catalogue*; Miss Annie P. Call, *Assistant Cataloguer*; Mrs. A. C. D. Keen, *Branch Cataloguer*; Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, *Newspapers and Duplicates*; George H. Verity, *Runner.*
Mrs. R. M. Eastman and Miss Mary E. Joslyn, *Extras.*

CARD CATALOGUE.

Miss H. E. Green, *Curator.*
Miss Alice M. Porée, Miss M. I. Brooks, Miss Maude Ross, *Assistants.*

ORDERING AND RECEIVING DEPARTMENT.

Miss HARRIET N. PIKE, *Chief Clerk.*
Miss Mary A. McGrath and Mrs. E. T. Reed, *Assistants*; Ellen Stevenson, *Attendant.*

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

APPLETON P. C. GRIFFIN, *Custodian.*
John Bresnahan and Annie M. Kennedy, *Assistants.*

BATES HALL DEPARTMENT.

HENRY WARE, *Keeper.*
Miss L. S. Norton, *Desk Attendant*; Miss M. I. Brooks, *Assistant.*
Timothy Donovan, E. M. Thomas, Thomas Whyte, F. A. M. Stuart, *Runners.*

LOWER HALL DEPARTMENT.

ELBRIDGE BRADSHAW, *Keeper.*ALFRED A. BROOKS, *Assistant Keeper.*

Miss Elizabeth S. Haley, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Lydia F. Knowles, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Ellen E. Bresnahan, *Keeper's Clerk*; Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, Ellen F. McCarthy, *Assistants*; Ella Sturmy, *Art Room Attendant.*

Mary Connor, Margaret Donovan, Annie G. Shea, Mary Doyle (*extra*), *Runners.*

W. F. Robinson, *Registration Clerk.*Miss Elizabeth Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk.*Miss Caroline E. Porée, *Reading Room Attendant.*

EVENING SERVICE. Fred. Kyle, *Registration Clerk*; Miss Henrietta E. Mack, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Catharine McGrath, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Amelia McGrath, *Assistant*; R. B. Ross, *Reading Room Attendant*; M. A. Mears, Margaret Doyle, *Runners.*

SUNDAY SERVICE. Fred. Kyle, *Reading Room Attendant.*

JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor.*Thomas Collins and Henry Sullivan, *Assistants.**Extra Daily Assistants.*

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

FRANK P. HATHAWAY, *Foreman.*

Andrew M. Blake, Romeo Cervi, J. R. Beckett, James Pendergast, and M. J. Healy, *Assistants.*

Mrs. Martha Wheeler, Miss Mary E. Austin, Miss Mary Moriarty, *Sewers.*

EAST BOSTON BRANCH.

Miss SARAH C. GODBOLD, *Librarian.*Miss Mary R. Pray, Miss A. M. Wing, *Assistants.*Mary E. Cathcart, *Runner.*G. H. Hosea, *Janitor.*

Misses E. L. Lennon, H. F. Ellis, J. P. Todd, and A. M. Keen, *Substitutes and extra Assistants.*

———, *Sunday Service.*

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

Miss ALICE J. BRAGDON, *Librarian.*Misses E. A. Eaton, Eunice M. Lyon, *Assistants.*H. E. McCarthy, *Runner.*Joseph Baker, *Janitor.*

Misses Eva C. Watson, M. Webster, Eliz. McCarthy, Emma Davis, and Mary Watson, *Substitutes and extra Assistants.*

Joseph Baker, *Sunday Service.*

ROXBURY BRANCH.

Miss H. C. PRICE, *Librarian.*

Mrs. Julia A. Nye, Miss Marietta Goldsmith, Miss Clara E. Sanborn, *Assistants.*

Margaret E. Blood, *Runner.*

Charles R. Curtis, *Janitor.*

Misses Ida Blood, Mary Floden, S. Purcell, and L. Burns, *Substitutes and extra Assistants.*

Mrs. Julia A. Nye, *Sunday Service.*

CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.

DR. CORNELIUS S. CARTÉE, *Librarian.*

Misses Susan Edwards, S. M. Eberle, *Assistants.*

Lillian Davis, *Runner.*

Thomas E. Smith, *Janitor.*

Misses A. E. Eberle, H. N. Davis, and M. L. Nichols, *Extra Assistants.*

———, *Sunday Service.*

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

Miss MARY J. BOWKER, *Librarian.*

Miss C. A. Wentworth, *Assistant.* B. T. Grailey, *Runner.*

Miss K. F. Wellington, *Sunday Service.*

William T. Osborn, *Janitor.*

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

Miss MARY G. COFFIN, *Librarian.*

Miss Esther R. Whiton, *Assistant.*

Edward Davenport, *Janitor.*

Miss Jennie Sheridan, *Extra Assistant.*

AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Lee and Shepard, *Boston.*

Messrs. Little, Brown and Co., and Sampson Low, Marston, Low and Searle, *Boston and London.*

Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris.*

Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipsic.*

Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence.*

SUMMARY.

	Regulars.	Extras.	
Superintendent	1		Central Library. 58 regulars. 11 extras. — 69 in all.
Office Secretary, Despatch Clerk, Auditor, and Runner	4		
Catalogue Department	18	2	
Ordering and Receiving Department	4		
Shelf Department	8		
B. H. Circulating Department	7		
L. H. Circulating Department, Day Service	14	2	
L. H. Circulating Department, Evening and Sunday Service		7	
Janitorial Department	8		
Binding Department	9		
East Boston Branch	5	5	Branches. 28 regulars. 19 extras. — 47 in all.
South Boston Branch	5	5	
Roxbury Branch	6	4	
Charlestown Branch	5	8	
Brighton Branch	4	1	
Dorchester Branch	8	1	
Totals	86	30	
	80		
Grand Total	116		

APPENDIX XXVII.

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

To the Superintendent: —

The examination of the Central Library and Branches has been made during the year ending April 30th, 1875, of which I beg leave to submit the following

REPORT.

In the Bates Hall there were missing from the shelves	
at the time of the examination	3,612 vols.
Of these there were found, —	
Loaned	1,970
At the Binder's	997
Otherwise accounted for	596
	— 3,563 “
Not at present accounted for, —	
Books.	43
Periodicals, reports, etc., in boxes	4
Bound vols. of miscellaneous pphs.	1
Bates Hall Supplement	1
	— 49 “

Of the twenty-nine books reported as missing last year, four have been found on the shelves, in their proper places. Also four books missing in 1872, and one missing in 1870, have been found.

Everything possible in the way of accounting for these missing books has been done ; but many of them may be found during another examination of the Library, either misplaced, or numbered wrong. And some may have been taken from the shelves, and not properly charged. In so large a Library,

the chances of misplacement, and errors in numbering or charging, are of course great.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves

at the time of the examination 7,001 vols.

Of these there were found, —

Loaned 5,254

At the Binder's 622

Otherwise accounted for 948

————— 6,824 “

Not at present accounted for, —

Fiction 126

Miscellaneous 51

————— 177 “

Of these, one hundred and thirty-eight volumes have not been loaned this year, and undoubtedly have been condemned; but the record of condemned books during the last year being incomplete, they cannot strictly be accounted for in that way. Deducting this one hundred and thirty-eight volumes, it leaves actually missing forty-one volumes. The number from each class is as follows: —

Arts and science 16 vols.

American history and politics 4 “

Poetry, drama, etc. 6 “

English prose fiction 126 “

Biography 1 “

Travels 3 “

Libraries, collected works, periodicals, etc. 13 “

Foreign history and politics 1 “

Foreign books 7 “

At the East Boston Branch there were missing from the

shelves at the time of the examination 2,012 “

Loaned 1,729

At the Binder's 137

Otherwise accounted for 146

————— 2,012 “

At the South Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of the examination .	2,396 vols.
Loaned	2,101
At the Binder's	155
Otherwise accounted for	128
	— 2,384 “

Not at present accounted for, —

Fiction	7
Juveniles	5
	— 12 “

At the Roxbury Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of the examination, —

Fellowes Athenæum books	307 “
Loaned	300
At the Binder's	6
Otherwise accounted for	1
	— 307 “

One Fellowes Athenæum book is missing from the Reading Room, viz. : —

Pierce. Dickens' dictionary.

Of the City books, there were missing from the shelves 2,134 vols.

Loaned	1,983
At the Binder's	138
Otherwise accounted for	7
	— 2,128 “

Not at present accounted for, —

Travels	2
Juveniles	8
Miscellaneous	1
	— 6 “

At the Charlestown Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of the examination .

	1,636 “
Loaned	1,479
At the Binder's	66
Otherwise accounted for	91
	— 1,636 “

From the Reading Room, there are missing, —

Appleton's American Cyclopedia, volumes 7 and 12.

“ Annual Cyclopedia for 1872.

Pierce. Dickens' dictionary.

At the Brighton Branch there are at present not accounted for, —

History 2 vols.

Periodicals 1 “

— 3 vols.

From the Bates Hall Desk, the following reference books are missing, —

Eggleston. How to educate yourself.

Appleton's New American Cyclopedia, volumes 9 and 10.

And from the Central Library Reading Room, —

Bell's Geography, vol. 2.

Chambers Information for the people, vol. 2.

Clement. Handbook of legendary art.

Webster. Unabridged dictionary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. C. GRIFFIN,

Custodian of the Shelves.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 20, 1875.

APPENDIX XXVIII.

WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

CHARACTER OF WORK.	1871-2.	1872-3.	1873-4.	1874-5.
Bates Hall books bound and finished . .	2,219	2,008	2,635	2,613
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches .	1,015	744	753	1,506
Books repaired	396	430	492	444
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and Branches . . .	490	437	287	143
Maps dissected and mounted	47	28	9	493
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted . .	212	165	109	
Pamphlet cases	546	64	24	
Portfolios	5	8	8	
Removable covers for catalogues and for paper covered books	266	263	450	1,520
Maps mounted, bound and bordered . .	54	41	8	..
Hours of miscellaneous work	1,842	2,397	1,437	2,486

APPENDIX XXIX.

The year's record of the Public Library is shadowed by the loss of Mr. William A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent, whose character and work reflect honor upon the institution.

Mr. Wheeler was born at Leicester, in this State, in 1833. Most of his youth was spent at Topsham, Maine, from which place he entered Bowdoin College, graduating in 1853. After teaching three years he became associated with the late Dr. Worcester in the preparation of a new edition of Worcester's Dictionary, upon the completion of which work he accepted a similar position from the publishers of the Webster series of dictionaries. Under his supervision the new Unabridged quarto edition was printed, and on him devolved the preparation of new editions of the National, the University and the Academic dictionaries as well as of the smaller or school editions. All these works, whose reputation is not confined to this continent, owe their value in large measure to him.

Mr. Wheeler entered the service of the Public Library in the spring of 1868, and later in the same year, on the death of Mr. William E. Jillson, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent. The Library was singularly fortunate in securing the services of a scholar so accomplished and so fitted by habits of patient, thorough research for the work to which his best energies were to be given.

His critical, accurate work may be seen in the various catalogues which were prepared, wholly or in part under his supervision — in the Prince and Ticknor Catalogues, in the Lists of Engravings and Bulletins, and more than all, in the Public Card Catalogue of the Library. These bear testimony

